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Readers Say—

What Is "Free Speech"?

To the Editor:

What is "free speech" in America? I believe this is a pertinent question in view of recent rulings by radio and television network executives.

I frequently listen to the Manion Forum. As far as I can determine the views expressed are based on principles implicit in the Declaration of Independence and the original Constitution of the USA. Yet the Mutual Broadcasting System rejected a Manion Forum film opposing the income tax system on the ground that it was "controversial."

Evidently "controversial" means that it is not in harmony with the "party line." The film was not libelous or in bad taste. Almost every opinion expressed over the air on any subject would find some contrary view on the part of somebody. Certainly this was a legitimate subject for study and discussion. It was not defamatory or subversive.

Cannot this principle and policy, which seems to have been adopted by the networks, be the beginning of a totalitarian rule that may destroy "free speech" in America?

It has been my observation that in the field of religion the same kind of boycott obtains. No minister of the Gospel seems to be entirely free to discuss such Bible themes as total abstinence, atheism, the virgin birth, the crucifixion or baptism without watering down revealed truth to the vanishing point to make it harmless and noncontroversial. If he gets too bold he is thrown off the air.

We need a vigorous probing challenge of this complacent insulation built up around the airing of controversial questions. Let's have "free speech" in America again.

ADAM SAWYER

Cincinnati, Ohio

Repressive Reds

To the Editor:

I have it on good authority coming out of Czechoslovakia that—

Pastors cannot send circular letters to their congregations unless they have been censored by local state authorities.

A pastor may not invite another pastor to preach in his church on Sunday without permission from the government.

Enrollments in theological seminaries are regulated by the government.

New churches cannot be built or old ones renovated except with government authorization.

Publication of religious books is rigidly restricted.

The Communists discourage young Protestants from attending religious classes in the public schools.

Almost open attempts are made by the Communists to undermine Protestant family life.

The visitor's survey covered the four largest Protestant bodies in Czechoslovakia —the Czechoslovak Church, the Evangelical Church and the Czech Brethren, and the Lutheran and Reformed Churches in Slovakia—as well as the Methodist, Baptist, Unitarian, Old Catholic and other smaller bodies.

The informant said heavy pressure is brought to bear by the government on police and army officers as well as Communist Party members to sever church ties. However, he said, due to additions through marriages, births and individual conversions, the membership in the Protestant churches is about the same as it was nine years ago when the Communists seized power.

The churches are finding it increasingly difficult to cope with the many restrictions and obstacles, the visitor said. Not the least of these is the problem of developing new congregations.

JOHN SVETLY

Vienna, Austria

For the Record

To the Editor:

Concerning your "late news" on p. 277 beginning "East German Reds . . ." it seems to me that you misunderstood the report in *Sonntagsblatt*.

In the area of Koenigsberg in East Prussia (now officially known as Kaliningrad) even the East German Reds have no authority. This area does not belong to the so-called "German Democratic Republic," i.e., the Soviet zone of Germany. It stands since 1945 exclusively under Soviet administration. Consequently the closing or abuse of Protestant churches in this area is completely dictated by Soviet authorities.

ALFRED H. KUBY

Trippstadt, W. Germany

"Letter from Home"

To the Editor:

United Evangelical Action comes to us in India as a welcome "letter from home"—Dr. Frank Kline shares his copy with us as it arrives here at Union Biblical Seminary. I appreciate very much your good work as editor. The article by Dr. Clyde Taylor, dealing with United States immigration policy, was outstandingly good. I have written to Dr. Taylor concerning it.

HAROLD B. KUHN

Yeotmal, India

FRONT PAGE.—In northern climes Christmas is associated with a snow-covered landscape. The church, the home and the fireside become centers of activity and hearts are instinctively open to heaven and its message. "Peace on earth, good will to men." —*RNS Photo.*

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1. We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative word of God.

2. We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

3. We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory.

4. We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful man regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential.

5. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.

6. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.

7. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Churchmen Organize to Achieve Freedom from Filth

THE BATTLE AGAINST OBSCENITY

By ARTHUR ZAHNISER
Churchmen's Commission for Decent Publications

IF THE MURDERERS of Judith Mae Anderson, the Peterson and Scheussler boys, and the Grimes sisters are found, it is almost a statistical certainty they will be readers of dirty literature," recently wrote Jack Mabley, columnist of the *Chicago Daily News*. (These murders have received nation-wide publicity because of their atrocious nature. Judith Mae Anderson's headless, dismembered body was found floating in two oil drums in Lake Michigan; the Peterson and Scheussler boys' nude, battered bodies were picked up in a forest preserve area; and the bare, bruised bodies of the Grimes sisters were discovered where they had been dumped near a culvert beside a lonely country road.)

Jack Mabley continued, "Sociologists still are trying to decide whether the reading of pornography causes sexual crimes or is merely a symptom." But J. Edgar Hoover, head of the FBI, and the police can't wait for a decision from science. They know beyond a doubt that filthy reading is invariably a factor in sex crimes. A Detroit police inspector said, "There hasn't been a sex murder in the history of our department in which the killer wasn't an avid reader of lewd magazines and books."

The rise in crime in America is staggering. The recent release of the report of J. Edgar Hoover compiled with the aid of 1551 police departments revealed that 1956 with 2,563,000 arrests made by these offices of law enforcement indicated a 13% increase over 1955. The most serious aspect of this sharp upswing in the crime rate is the juvenile record. 234,474 under 17 were arrested, a 40% rise over the previous year, and 40% of all youths apprehended were *fifteen or under*. Over all crime incidence has jumped 43%, almost half, in the past six years.

But the real shock to America is the number of brutal sex killings and the atrocities being committed against children and youth. (Chicago's six indicated above are being duplicated in cities all over the country.) It is more than coincidence that paralleling these crimes, lewd and pornographic publications have become more and more available on news stands throughout the nation. This material can be purchased by your children and mine.

Convinced that something definite should be done about this growing menace to the minds, the moral fiber, welfare and safety of the children of America, and stimulated by a conversation in 1956 with Postmaster-General Summerfield, the Honorable O. K. Armstrong, former Congressman from Missouri, decided on direct action, both to aid the Post Office Department in controlling indecent literature and to devise ways and means to eliminate it.

Accordingly, he called a conference of Church leaders which met on April 23 and 24 in the Hotel Willard in Washington, D. C., to which twenty-eight representatives of national religious and publishing groups responded. One reason for the National Association of Evangelicals' response to its invitation to participate in the conference was the information gleaned from a Pilot Study recently completed by the Social Action Commission and conducted by Dr. S. Richey Kamm, Head of the Division of Social Sciences of Wheaton, College, and Professor Frank Hauser, member of that department. Return from this study indicated that pornography, and particularly its availability to youth, was one of the major concerns of those reporting. This fact was carried to the conference by the Social Action Commission's representative.

Assurance was given by Dr. Clyde Taylor that NAE, consistent with its past record, would continue to support in every way possible the fight against obscenity. He reported that he had appeared before Congressional Committee hearings in behalf of legislation to aid government control of salacious literature. He stated that through our several media—*United Evangelical Action*, direct releases from the National Office, the Washington Office, and our Regional headquarters—the NAE constituency are being alerted to this increasing danger. He assured the con-

Juvenile delinquency is a fruitage of indecent literature.

ference that the National Association of Evangelicals would be solidly behind any action which would help in curbing this menace.

Following reports by several committee members and addresses by other authorities bringing the group up to date on the current situation nationally and politically, including an address by the Honorable John Dowdy, Congressman from the 75th District of Texas, an organization to be known as the Churchmen's Commission for Decent Publications was formed, and temporary officers were elected. Dr. Clyde Taylor was made secretary-treasurer.

It was decided that the Office of Affairs in Washington be the address of this organization, and under the direction of Dr. Clyde Taylor and his assistant, Mr. Don Gill, several bulletins concerning developments have been issued.

A second general session met in Washington on September 19. Authorized by the Executive Committee, the Social Action Commission had appointed Dr. Clyde Taylor, Secretary of Affairs, Dr. George Ford, Executive Director, the Rev. Arthur Zahniser, Pastor of the Free Methodist Church, Evanston, Illinois, and member of the Social Action Commission, the Rev. William C. Mooneyham, National Association of Free Will Baptists, the Rev. Douglas G. Scott, Chaplains Commission, Washington, D. C., to represent the National Association of Evangelicals on this interdenominational Protestant committee.

Reports and addresses brought information and developments since the last meetings to the delegates. One of the speakers Mr. Abe Goff, General Counsel, Post Office Department, commended the organization. He said he was convinced that the only way the country could be cleaned up was for the churchmen to unite and dedicate themselves to, not only an initial housecleaning, but to the long, arduous, continual policing necessary to keep it clean.

Convinced that this was true, a subcommittee, composed mostly of our men, formulated and presented to the committee a Constitution and bylaws by which a permanent organization would be effected. It was adopted.

As provided in the new Constitution, officers were elected for the coming year. Dr. Clyde Taylor was elected secretary; Dr. Carl F. H. Henry, editor of *Christianity Today,* treasurer; the Rev. Don Gill, assistant secretary of affairs of NAE, was elected Chairman of the Membership committee; the Rev. Arthur Zahniser, Chairman of the committee on Community Organization. All members of NAE, by virtue of their offices they became members of the eleven man executive committee. Dr. George Ford was appointed to the committee on Community Organization.

Your NAE representatives are convinced that every influence and facility at our command must be marshalled to meet this nationwide problem. That it is a nation-wide problem is evidenced by the fact that the Committee on Judiciary of the United States Senate of the 83rd and 84th Congresses held public hearings on the relation of obscene and pornographic materials to the problem of juvenile delinquency. The 82nd Congress appointed a select committee on current pornographic materials from the House of Representatives. This committee reported that in 1952 indecent literature constituted a $500,000,000 business.

For many years America has been plagued by pornography, but it was confined to an "under the counter" or "back-room" sales distribution. Now "girlie" and so called "comics," phoney "art" periodicals, confidential exposes, and publications "dedicated to entertainment for men" in the form of open pornography in picture and story form are openly distributed.

According to these periodicals, women are machines for men to utilize for physical pleasure. Sex is represented as a biological function in the same category as eating and breathing; anyone who has any scruples about erotic indulgence is suffering from neurotic repression. The remedy for the world's anxieties, it is implied, is the uninhibited release of sexual expression.

More serious still is the availability to boys and girls of even more salacious and indecent material advertised in many of these magazines in language that is suggestive and evidently phrased to stir lust. As a flimsy cover many are labeled "For Adults," and boxes are provided for a check indicating that a buyer is over 21. Exhibited at the committee meeting was material from these sources of so shocking a nature that to describe them would constitute pornography which had been taken from grade school children in Coral Gables, Florida.

The control of obscenity in the past was hindered by several Supreme Court decisions which were interpreted as inimical to it. However, on June 24, the Court handed down four rulings which lend strong support to the attack against indecent publications. One reason for the national deluge of obscenity has been the argument that the publications carrying such material are protected by the constitutional guarantees of free speech and free press. This has encouraged an "Anything goes" attitude by the publishers. To this, the Supreme Court has said an emphatic "No!" Justice William J. Brennan, who wrote the majority opinion in two cases said, according to the *New York Times*, "We hold that obscenity is not within the areas of constitutionally protected speech or press." He further stated, "Implicit in the history of the First Amendment is the rejection of obscenity as utterly without redeeming social importance."

In these rulings the Justices also redefined obscenity. The new test is "Whether to the average person, applying contemporary standards, the dominant theme of the material taken as a whole appeals to prurient interest." (Prurient means "having lascivious longings.")

Another fact established by these decisions is that both the Federal Government and the states have the right to ban obscene publications.

The Supreme Court has laid a foundation for a concerted legal attack on obscene publications so that *freedom from filth* may be achieved by law. The Social Action Commission, therefore, recommends the following:

1. That all groups and individuals affiliated with the National Association of Evangelicals, national, regional and local (and individuals from these groups) be urged to support current bills now before Congress to aid in legal control of obscenity. These bills introduced by Congressman John Dowdy and Emmanuel Cellar are:
   (1) To make both sender and distributor liable to suit, with the privision for the establishment of venue in order that both may be tried at either the publishing or distributing center.
   (2) A bill which would repeal copyright privileges from publications of questionable character.
   We recommend that other Congressmen concerned be contacted urging early consideration and passage of these bills. These include Mr. Francis E. Walter, of Pennsylvania; Michael A. Feighan, of Ohio; Frank Chelf, of Kentucky; Patrick Hillings, of California; DeWitt S. Hyde, of Maryland. (These bills are HR 2542, HR-6239, and HR4383.)
2. That local NAE fellowships cooperate to the fullest extent in helping to organize and operate Protestant committees to deal with obscenity on the local level, while maintaining their own identity, and that the following steps be taken:

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SUNDAY SCHOOL THOUSANDS

In NSSA's "Twin" Convention at Grand Rapids, Michigan

By GLENWOOD BLACKMORE

THOUSANDS thronged Grand Rapids' Civic Auditorium October 30 to November 1 for the second of National Sunday School Association's 1957 "Twin" Conventions. Despite the raging "flu" epidemic and the atrocious weather the sessions were thoroughly alive with Sunday School interest and enthusiasm.

First day registration was over 2,500 —the largest in NSSA history. The final record showed nearly 4,000 who took the trouble to sign up and pay up. Over 7,000 were in attendance. Added to the other "twin" gathering in Los Angeles, October 9-11, some 14,000 Sunday School teachers, leaders and workers demonstrated an unprecedented interest in the task of Christian education in the local church this year. There is nothing like it anywhere in the inter-church field in America.

Sunday School people evidently like their conventions spiritually deep, intellectually simple and practically helpful and realistic. That is what NSSA is giving them. That is what draws the great crowds. And the fact that evangelical churches are enjoying the greatest percentage of increase in their Sunday Schools throughout America is "the proof of the pudding."

Many months ago NSSA President Edward Simpson (Dean of Pillsbury College) chose as his theme for his convention address, "Five Minutes on a Satellite." He little knew how timely that theme was going to be with the Red Russian Sputnik circling the earth. Speaking on down-to-satellite Sunday School practicalities he set the pace for a splendid platform fare. Bob Cook, noted youth leader, now prominent in the affairs of Scripture Press, urged his hearers the first night to present an "available Christ"—a personal God and Saviour who meets the needs of personal, social and business life. He insisted that the Sunday School can do it better than any other agency of the Church.

Other featured speakers, in addition to Dr. Simpson, included Dr. Clate Risley of Chicago, executive secretary of the National Sunday School Association; Rev. Bert Webb of Springfield, Mo.; Dr. Henrietta C. Mears of Hollywood; Rev. Phillip Gaglardi, minister from Kamloops, British Columbia, who doubles as Commissioner of Highways for his province, and Rev. Norman Townsend, NSSA's New England representative

It is impossible in a brief report such as this to give even a thumb-nail digest of all the addresses, but this word about Townsend's: He stressed the imperatives of Reaching and Teaching. He has been doing some reaching. He took a country church out from Providence, R. I., and built the Sunday School up from a hundred or so to an average attendance of over a thousand. He does more than "count noses and nickels" or provide an hour of "spiritual baby sitting." As he brought out in his address, he teaches them to *know* the written and living Word of God; to *do* God's will in all of life; and *be* the kind of people who can best represent God and win others to Him. This is the kind of NSSA doctrine that is "revitalizing the American Sunday School."

At Grand Rapids, as well as LA, there were around eighty conferences, each led by an expert, which presented an amazing variety of studies in the many phases of the Sunday School task. Here are just a few:

Graded Choirs
Nursery
Beginner
Primary
Junior
Senior High
Junior High
Young People
Adults
Drama
Girls' Clubs
Boys' Clubs
Evangelism
Enrolling Men
Improving Rooms
Youth Meetings
The Superintendents
Visual Aids
Lesson Preparation
Discipline
Pastor and the Sunday School
Recreation and Socials
NSSA Outlines
Handcraft
Apt to Teach
Song leading
Camping
Vacation Schools
How to Grade
Teaching Children
Music and Worship
Sunday School Conventions
Youth Directors
Evaluating Literature
Principles of Supervision
Sunday School Contests
Home Department
Teaching with Chalk
Curriculum Building
Workers' Conference
Teaching Principles
Secretarial Staff
Records
The Opening Assembly
Understanding the Pupil
Art of Counselling
Children's Church
Enlargement Programs
Cradle Roll
Missionary Education
Temperance
Education Buildings
Architectural Helps
Sunday School Extension
Putting Youth to Work
Planning a Year's Program
Promotion and Publicity
Preparing for Church Membership
Christian Education Directors
Enrolling Men in the Sunday School
Department Superintendent
Developing Local Church Leadership
Teacher Training
Canvassing and Visitation
Story Telling

There were three kinds of conferences—workshops, institutes and seminars.

Workshops were single session conferences approximately ninety minutes long.

Institutes were three session confences on one topic with the same leader. Those attending institutes were re-

GRAND RAPIDS CONVENTION SCENES—Left. An average audience in the Civic Auditorium; Center, A Handcraft Workshop; Right, One of eighty exhibits in huge exhibit Hall. The convention was a veritable beehive.

The citizens of Grand Rapids, "The Furniture City," are known for their loyalty to the historic Christian faith.

quired to be present all three times.

Seminars were five session conferences on inductive Bible study conducted by members of the NSSA Research Commission. Those registering for the seminars were expected to attend all five meetings. The number in each seminar was limited to 25.

Then there was a unique "Brainstorming" session, a program not normally found in religious conventions. Ten Sunday School leaders were called upon to take part in a panel, and present Sunday School improvement suggestions in machine-gun style. Equal to the occasion, they came up with 138 suggestions in a twelve minute period. One panelist suggested a curbside receptionist for all Sunday Schools, who would welcome the youngsters as they were dropped off in front of the church, and then invite their errant parents to church next Sunday, reminding them that Sunday School was for them as well. Another panelist suggested painting footprints on the sidewalk leading into the Sunday School doorway. Suggestions ranged from esthetics to advertising and proved of tremendous interest to all.

The exhibits, which occupied the entire lower floor of the Civic Auditorium, were an education in themselves. They were a demonstration of the remarkable gains that have been made in the quality of Sunday School aids of every conceivable type—from educational buildings to lesson helps. There were over eighty exhibitors and their displays were worthy of any modern business convention. Samples and give-aways were available in such quantities that the delegates were loaded down with ideas to build bigger and better Sunday Schools.

Behind the scenes, meetings of the NSSA Executive Committee, the Board of Directors, the General Council and the various Commissions of the organization were being held. These meetings began on Monday and lasted all week at all hours. Out at Yankee Springs the Camping Commission was busy. The Youth Commission had its largest meeting and received Jack Wyrtzen's Word of Life, the International Society of Christian Endeavor and the Youth Commission of the Church of the Nazarene as new members.

Probably the most significant of the Commission meetings was that of the Commission on Research in Christian Education. This body was organized at Detroit in 1952 with Dr. Paul Mininger (now president of Goshen College) as chairman. The current year's chairman was Dr. Rebecca Price of Fuller Theological Seminary. These evangelical educational leaders are studying the Sunday School in the light of a strictly Christian philosophy of education, dealing with the problems of teaching, curriculum, methodolgy and laying the foundations for future advance. Dr. Howard Hendricks, professor of Christian Education at Dallas Theological Seminary, was elected chairman for the coming year.

All Grand Rapids was conscious that there was something big and worthwhile in town. Mayor Paul Goebel proclaimed the week "Sunday School Week." The local newspapers were generous in their coverage. Radio and TV carried special features daily. Churches beyond the NAE and NSSA constituency cooperated in a wonderful way. The Reformed Church in America had 400 registered delegates, the Christian Reformed Church over 200. The GARB churches in the area had nearly eighty Sunday Schools represented. Wealthy Street Baptist Church and the Salvation Army made a clean sweep of the awards in the Sunday School parade.

The Grand Rapids Convention committee headed by an outstanding Christian layman, Clair J. Verway, did an exceptionally thorough and efficient job. When the "flu" hit them, there were always capable replacements and the work of preparation went right on.

At Los Angeles there were 65 denominations represented in the registration, not quite as many in Grand Rapids. The NSSA is reaching out into all the churches. There were 40 states represented in the "twin convention" this year.

All across the nation local, metropolitan and regional conventions are developing. In New England there were over a thousand in attendance this year (see page 12). Other big ones were held in Spokane, Portland, Chicago, Buffalo, Minneapolis and Philadelphia. In Ohio Cleveland and Cincinnati are organized; each had around 500 in attendance this year. This development has the Chicago headquarters in a dither.

Next year the NSSA convention will go to Des Moines. Instead of "twins" in 1959 the leaders are talking about "quads."

While the responsibility for the leadership of this surging movement rests in a growing number of Sunday School workers, the chief is Dr. Clate A. Risley, executive secretary. He was educated in BIOLA and UCLA. He multiplied the Sunday School of Hillyard Baptist Church, Spokane, Wash., fourteen times in an eight year period, led the Greater Spokane Sunday School Association and then came to Chicago to head up the NSSA. Today he is "Mr. Sunday School" to thousands of evangelicals. This year Dr. Edwin J. Potts and Mr. Ralph S. Crees have joined him in the headquarters staff to lead in an ever-expanding program of service.

NSSA President Simpson was reelected at Grand Rapids for another term. Others elected were Rev. Bert Webb, vice president; Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, recording secretary; Rev. Paul W. McBeth, treasurer and Board members Dr. James DeForest Murch, Dr. Clarence Fast, Rev. Norman Townsend, Dr. Dallas M. Tarkenton and Mr. Hal Cory.

God has miraculously blessed in the development of this arm of the National Association of Evangelicals—and the end is not yet!

FULTON STREET PRAYER MEETING

Still a Power After 100 Years

By JAMES E. DAVIES and JAFFRAY PETERSON

IN THE JULY 15TH issue of ACTION magazine in the article captioned "God's Way Up Is Down," by Armin R. Gesswein, I was interested to note the reference to the "Fulton St. Noon Prayer Meeting," where America's great revival of 1857 actually started on September 23rd of that year.

I have seen of late other references in other evangelical publications to the 100th anniversary of that great event on September 23, 1957.

However, the emphasis of all these references is to something that happened in the past, which, of course, it did, in 1857, but they all fail to mention that the Fulton Street Noon Prayer Meeting is still going strong.

The Fulton Street Noon Prayer Meeting, now operating at 93 Nassau Street, at the corner of Fulton, in the Wall Street section of the City of New York, is the oldest known Noon Prayer Meeting, in the world. It had its inception on June 18th, 1857, and held the first meeting at 12:00 o'clock noon Sept. 23rd of the same year; and within less than 200 feet from the spot where the meetings are now held.

Prior to 1857 there were many churches, missions and other religious meeting places south of Chambers Street, but they had been gradually moving uptown (above City Hall) to more residential sections, leaving the lower part of the city to banking, brokerage and other commercial activities; and so, June 1857 found only four churches remaining, and all with very small congregations.

On June 18th, 1857, the consistory of The Reformed Protestant Dutch Church (one of the remaining four), met for a study of what could be done to build up their congregation south of City Hall. They came to the conclusion to appoint a committee which was to secure a suitable person to act as Lay Missionary. Providence turned their eyes and their attention to one Jeremiah C. Lamphier, who had never been engaged in that kind of work, but his reported character led the committee to believe he was exactly the man they needed. Their belief proved to be correct.

Mr. Lamphier at once discontinued all his secular business and entered upon his new work on the first day of July 1857. The work assigned to him was to visit, personally, living quarters and business places in the entire region lying around the North Church, to invite the adults to attend the regular services in the sanctuary and induce the children to attach themselves to the Sunday School, and in all suitable other ways win souls to Christ.

After two months of visitation, the new missionary found that there were so few families left in the locality, that little progress in numbers was made. The resourceful missionary reasoned, even if the families have moved away, the workers are here each business day; so, we will develop a Noon Prayer Meeting and "Who-so-ever will may come."

At first it was to be weekly; but only two weekly meetings were held, after which it became necessary to change to a meeting every business day at the noon hour. It was thoroughly understood at the very outset that the meetings were in no sense denominational; they were purely "Prayer Meetings," devout souls speaking to God rather than man speaking to man. I think that is why the Lord saw fit to bless that humble beginning of a movement for prayer at the corresponding hour of the day when the Lord Jesus hung upon the cross with stretched out arms saying as it were: "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest."

The attendance grew and grew and grew. First one room was used— then two—then three and finally the big church auditorium. It also became necessary to limit the time of all prayers to five minutes; and later to three minutes, then to two minutes. Signs to that effect were erected in the meeting place and the one presiding saw to it that the limitations were adhered to, so that no one would be deprived of the opportunity and the desire to pray; to speak to the Father.

The Fulton Street Noon Prayer Meeting observed its 100th birthday on September 24th, 1957 and for the entire 100 years has been going to the throne of grace each business day and the answers received passeth understanding. The one who writes this brief history has been blessed with the privilege of praying for, and witnessing the answers by way of cures of many whom the medical doctors had given up (so to speak) because they said and believed the cases were hopeless.

Dr. Geo. H. Dowkontt who was the superintendent for (41) years, and went to be with the Lord on August 14, 1952 said in 1949: "The influence and knowledge of this meeting has been world-wide since its inception. Immediately it became the spring from which living streams of Revival blessing have issued. In course of time it developed into a flood of salvation, that has swept countless thousands into the kingdom of God throughout this country, and later brought many in Europe. Perhaps, in its lasting effects, it has never been surpassed. Hardly has a reference been made regarding Revivals, without a statement being included, mentioning our own Noon Meeting." Prior to the foregoing the Doctor wrote: "In reality then, The Fulton Street Noon Prayer Meeting was the fountain-head of the great awakening of 1857, 1858 and 1859, during which it is estimated that many hundreds of thousands of persons were saved in the widespread revival and evangelization of those years; and which later leaped over to Great Britain where similar gracious results were experienced in a like awakening.

There has been very little change in the manner, tone or order of the meetings over the years, except when Saturdays came to be a business holiday. The present schedule is as follows: Prayer Meetings for Revival each business day, 8.00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., Noon. Powerhouse Session, 1:05 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Gideon Prayer Meeting, each business Tuesday, 8:00 a.m.

After 100 years on the same street the ministry of the Fulton Street Prayer Meeting goes on. It is still the "Upper Room" where God is still answering the prayers of His people.

The numbers may be fewer, but in these days of apostasy, falling away and worldliness, the faithful few still gather at the noon hour to ask God for revival and go away cleansed and refreshed in the Holy Spirit, having spent a little time with Jesus.

UNIVERSAL WEEK OF PRAYER

January 6-11, 1958

MONDAY

THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD

Scripture Readings

Psalm 90. Acts 17:16-34

Meditation

"In Him we live and move and have our being."

God owes His being to no other. He is Lord of all. His power and orderliness are seen in the so-called 'laws of nature.' History is His story. Even the wrath of man can be made to praise Him. He is the Altogether Holy One, yet His very Name is Love.

Confession

1. That men have so largely ceased to fear God and keep His Commandments.
2. That even Christians so leave God out of account in their thinking and planning.
3. That God's Name is constantly being taken in vain.

Prayer

That men everywhere may turn to God in repentance and faith.

That Christians may glorify Him in their everyday lives.

That His Will may be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

TUESDAY

THE SIN OF MAN

Scripture Readings

Genesis 3:1-19. Romans 3:1-23.

Meditation

"If we say that we have no sin we deceive ourselves . . ."

Man, originally made for fellowship with God, has rebelled and is everywhere estranged from God. Man of himself is incapable of restoring the relationship he has forfeited through sin and is under the judgment of God. Yet God in His infinite grace has taken the initiative. Man *can* be saved.

Confession

1. That all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.
2. That we have been content to remain for so long out of touch with God.
3. That we have sought to excuse ourselves for our sin.

Prayer

That men everywhere may recognize "the exceeding sinfulness of sin."

That Christians may be concerned to live blameless lives.

That the power of Christ over sin may be demonstrated in everyday life.

WEDNESDAY

THE FACT OF CHRIST

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 11:1-9. John 1:1-18.

Meditation

"In the fulness of time God sent forth His Son."

Christianity is Christ. In Him we have God's answer to man's desperate need. The Cross of Christ demonstrates both the Love and the Holiness of God and provides a basis upon which God can freely forgive sin.

Confession

1. That the Name of Christ is unknown and unloved by so many in the modern world.
2. That Christians have failed to give Christ the pre-eminence in their lives.
3. That the Christian Church has done all too little to make Christ known.

Prayer

That multitudes may yet turn to Christ as Saviour and Lord.

That "Christ and Him crucified" may be faithfully proclaimed by the Church.

That Christ may be demonstrated in the lives of His people.

THURSDAY

THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE CHURCH

Scripture Readings

Joel 2:21-32. Acts 2:1-21.

Meditation

"The gift of the Holy Spirit"

As Christians our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit. He has taken up His abode within us. He is the source of our power and strength. Together we are 'an habitation of God through the Spirit.' The Church needs to re-discover the meaning of Pentecost.

Confession

1. That biblical teaching about the Holy Spirit has been so sadly neglected.
2. That so much Christian service is done in the 'energy of the flesh,' rather than in 'demonstration of the Spirit.'
3. That 'strange fire' has too often been substituted for the Fire of God.

Prayer

That men may be convicted of sin through the Holy Spirit.

That Christians may be empowered by the Spirit.

That the Church may be revived through the Spirit.

FRIDAY

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Readings

Nehemiah 8:1-12. 2 Timothy 3.

Meditation

"Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet. . . ."

When we read the Bible we read God's thoughts, and through it God speaks to His people. The Bible is inspired. It not only shows us the way to God, but teaches us the Will of God.

Confession

1. That the Bible is so largely a neglected Book.
2. That Christians have failed to make full use of God's Word.
3. That men are more ready to criticise the Bible than to allow it to criticise them.

Prayer

That there may be a renewed interest in personal Bible reading.

That God's blessing may rest upon the various Bible Societies.

That the influence of the Bible may be seen in the national life.

SATURDAY

THE GREAT COMMISSION

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 55. Acts 1:1-8.

Meditation

"The field is the world."

Christ came to be the Saviour of the world and He commissioned His disciples to carry the good news to the ends of the earth. In doing this work the Church has a special responsibility towards God's ancient people, the Jews—"to the Jew first . . . ."

Confession

1. That the Christian Church has too often lacked a worldwide vision.
2. That in the local church, missionary interest has been confined to the few.
3 That apathy, ignorance and prayerlessness have hampered missionary endeavor.

Prayer

That more labourers may be sent forth, and more intercessors and stewards raised up.

That those Jews who have confessed Christ may be strengthened in their faith.

That faithful sowing may be followed by abundant harvest.

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Action Editorial

James DeForest Murch

Complacent Subversives

▪ THE COMPLACENCY of social-gospel liberals toward world Communism constitutes one of the gravest dangers to our national freedom. Coupled with that complacency is an almost fanatical commitment to a social, economic and political philosophy which is essentially Communist.

These subversives do their evil work under the guise of church organizations and have the tacit approval of the churches. They are intelligent, educated and sophisticated men and women who are leaders in their respective fields. Their views and convictions are listened to with respect. They deny that they are or ever have been Communists or that they have accepted Communist tenets.

These dangerous zealots would not be party to the overthrow of our government by force, but they would like to see it overthrown and a world government substituted . . . . They are opposed to a totalitarian system of government but preach doctrines which can only be enforced by a dictator . . . . They would not give our secret processes to our enemies but they urge the abandonment of every means used for their protection . . . . They are not atheists but they would fraternize with atheists and open the gates to atheism, which is a cardinal doctrine of Marxism . . . . They take all the benefits of the capitalistic economic system but preach against the profit motive and the philosophy of capitalism. They are busy sowing the seeds of subversion and treachery in the minds of our youth and as many adults as will listen to them . . . . They are not card-carrying Communists, but they join many Communist-front organizations, lend the influence of their names to them, write and distribute subversive literature, associate with Communists at home and abroad, and actively oppose every Christian and American anti-Communist movement in existence.

It is about time for these gentlemen to be exposed for exactly what they are, regardless of the dignity of their ecclesiastical positions and the possible inter-nicene war which might develop within the churches. It is because of them that Communism is better able than ever before in America to launch a frontal attack on the government and the way of life which we hold dear.

He Still Inspires Us

▪ IT HAS BEEN twenty years since Dr. J. Gresham Machen died. We cannot let this year pass without paying him tribute. He was unquestionably one of the greatest defenders of the evangelical Christian faith in our time.

Dr. C. W. Hodge of Princeton called him "the greatest theologian in the English-speaking world." He believed the Bible without equivocation and brought a wealth of intellect, scholarship and well-grounded knowledge to the defense of its fundamental doctrines. His *Virgin Birth of Christ* is recognized by scholars throughout the world as an authoriatative work. His *Christianity vs. Liberalism* stated the case of orthodoxy against apostasy in never-to-be forgotten terms. His extensive writings and addresses are a treasure-trove of evangelical polemics.

Dr. Machen matched his thinking and his words with evangelical action. When he was suspended from the ministry of the Presbyterian Church because he would not support liberal missionary policies and actively engaged in extra-church evangelical missionary enterprises, he uttered words that deserve to rank with Luther's in the Diet of Worms: "I cannot, no matter what human authority forbids me to do, support a propaganda that is contrary to the gospel of Christ; I cannot substitute human authority for the authority of the Word of God."

Westminster Theological Seminary, which he founded, is maintaining the same high standards of scholarship and loyalty to the Word of God, for which Dr. Machen stood. The influence of his ministry, however, is far more extensive than the institutions he inspired. Evangelical Christianity wherever it is found is debtor to him for his magnificent stand for "the faith once for all delivered to the saints" when its very foundations were threatened. His courage yet inspires men to choose the right and battle for it regardless of the costs.

America's Sure Defense

▪ SPUTNIK AND MUTNIK serve to remind us that America's sure defense is in God and the things of God.

Scientific wisdom is not confined to Christians nor to Americans. In fact, the Holy Scriptures clearly indicate that there may come a time when the hosts of evil may produce scientific wonders of such superior effectiveness that only God Himself can save us from them (Revelation 13 and 19).

We are not advocating any relaxation of our defense program. Every God-given talent that America and the Western World may possess should be mobilized to meet the threat of the Red antichrist to our national freedoms and our Christian institutions. God expects His people to be "in camp" and "on the march" against the forces of evil.

God may yet spare us if we will turn to Him with our whole heart. But let us never forget that our surest strength is in the sword that goeth out of the mouth of God to smite the nations. After all, it is He who shall cast antichrist into the lake of fire and bring our New Jerusalem down out of heaven.

Week of Prayer

▪ CALL TO PRAYER has been sounded for more than a hundred years by the World Evangelical Alliance in its annual "Universal Week of Prayer." In 1958, the first full week of January (6-11) will see Protestants of all communions in every part of the world joining in meditation, confession, thanksgiving and petition. What a fitting way to begin the new year!

This observance is not to be confused with the "World Day of Prayer" (February 21) of later origin. The National Association of Evangelicals joins in both observances and provides free programs which will be sent on request from the headquarters office 108 North Main Street, Wheaton, Illinois.

"Week of Prayer" topics this year (see page 8) are centered around fundamental truths of the Christian faith. The days in which we live are a challenge to prayer. Our Lord's words, "Men ought always to pray and not to faint" come home to us with added relevance in these days of uncertainty. Let us all unite in intercession at the Throne of Grace that we may "obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Jesuit Plan Rebuffed

A "money certificate" school plan offered by a Jesuit educator was interpreted as a "revolution" against the constitutional principle disallowing taxation to support religion. The plan was outlined by the Rev. Virgil C. Blum, S. J. of Marquette University in the *U. S. News and World Report* of October 25.

With an admirable display of fairness, *U. S. News* on November 8 carried an article in reply by Dr. Glenn L. Archer, Executive Director of "Americans United," which supports separation of Church and State.

The Jesuit-inspired program would establish a pluralistic educational system which would be supported by public funds through money certificates issued to the parents. Public, private and sectarian educational systems would stand equal opportunity to benefit. Either State or Federal funds could be involved. Fr. Blum makes it amply clear that the only reason for this circuitous method of educational assistance is to avoid direct conflict with constitutional prohibitions of tax support to parochial schools.

Dr. Archer welcomed the article by Fr. Blum because it "affords an opportunity to re-examine our American tradition." He goes on to point out that Fr. Blum rejects the Jeffersonian view that "to compel a man to furnish contributions of money for the propagation of opinions which he disbelieves, is sinful and tyrannical."

The Blum article argued that parents who send their children to non-public schools are discriminated against for exercising their right to send their children to those schools, in having to pay tuition plus the tax support of the public school system. Dr. Archer called this a "worn-out argument."

He added that "under the American system, it would be wrong even to tax citizens for the support of their own religion, let alone the religions of others."

Symposium on Communism

Three church leaders, representing Judaism, Roman Catholicism and Protestantism, testified on the ideological fallacies of Communism before the House Un-American Activities Committee. The symposium was designed to show the corresponding views of the three "major faiths" in relation to the problem of Communism. The spokesman were Dr. S. A. Fineberg of the American Jewish Committee, Bishop Fulton J. Sheen and Dr. Daniel A. Poling.

Dr. Fineberg characterized Communism as being "as different from our outlook on life as atheism is different from faith in God. The political and economic aspects of Communism are derivatives of a philosophy whose ultimates cannot resemble ours.

"Communists base their view of life on materialism and on collective society. Our way of life is based on Judeo-Christian concepts and on the importance of even the most humble individual."

Bishop Fulton Sheen, representing the Catholic Church, said that Communism is a "perversion of Christianity. It has taken from Christianity the notion of a final retribution and judgment; there is no such thing as coming into the Kingdom of God without a trial; individually there is not, collectively the world itself will not pass into another world without a last judgment and a great conflagration.

"Now, Communism is much more right than the liberalism of the 19th century. The liberalism of the 19th century believed in automatic progress; nothing can stop it . . .

"Communism, however, instead of believing in automatic progress, said there has to come a moment of trial, of conflict, of purgation—a kind of a last judgment. That is the moment of violence and revolution, and the imposition of party authority on the mass that is seized. Then there comes peace."

Dr. Poling, editor of the *Christian Herald,* stated that "Communism is satanic.

"We need to tell the story of freedom—what it is. We made a mistake early in the days of our broadcasting of telling the world how wonderful we were, and what our economy was, and what our material living conditions were. . . .

"We need to emphasize not what material things we have here, but the realities of freedom and the fact that Communism is slavery. It is the destruction of the very aspirations of the soul. It is enslavement of the body, and you can prove that by pointing to Communist slave camps all over the world; and not only the enslavement of the body, but the enslavement of the mind and the soul. And remember one thing: there are more than one billion human beings who believe in one God—the Moslem, the Buddhist, the Roman Catholic, the Protestant, and the Jew.

"We should lay emphasis upon the fact that Communism in its first tenet is atheism. We have obscured that idea too often. We need to point to what we have on our coins, "In God We Trust." We need to get that across, if you please. We are getting the dollar across, but we need to get across the thing that we really finally live by in this country."

Copies of the Symposium are available from the House Un-American Activities Committee, Washington 25, D. C.

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Colombian Freedom

A leading South American newspaper, *El Tiempo,* has become vocal on the denial of religious liberty in Colombia. *El Tiempo* is published in Bogota and represents the liberal political element in Colombia.

In September the newspaper had called for adherence to the principles declared in the Colombian Constitution, particularly the principle of religious liberty.

Another editorial on October 16 openly stated that "there is no reason to deny that there has been religious persecution in this country. It would not be possible to state, without proofs, that it had been ordered by civil or religious authorities, but it has undoubtedly been allowed by some of them."

"The freedom of worship is as important as freedom of the press and free enterprise. It is also a solemn international obligation that we cannot fail to fulfill without having to bow our head in shame before the United Nations."

In conclusion, *El Tiempo* called for two simple but indispensable attitudes: "law and common sense."

In response to this editorial the rival conservative newspaper *El Siglo* printed an editorial reply by a Roman Catholic priest, Father Daniel Jordan. The reply labeled *El Tiempo* as "a constant defender of heresy," and added that the liberal newspaper is bringing about a split in the national life of the Colombian people.

Two Coming Issues

In another month Congress will return to work. This means at least one thing—the citizen with an active Christian conscience should be thinking in terms of contacting his Congressional representatives now. (The Legislative Committee of the AFL-CIO made a similar suggestion more than a month ago, with these tips: Be sure of your facts, avoid a longwinded argument, be courteous, stick to the subject, get his position on the issue.)

There are two specific issues which might well serve as a focal point of attention, a bill to ban alcohol from the airlines and a measure which, if passed, would reduce or abolish the tax on night clubs.

The fate of liquor on airlines will likely be settled in this next session of Congress. A Senate committee has already held hearings and is expected to issue a report on two Senate bills. But senators must be informed of the concern of the churches if the bills are to get much further. Likewise, members of the House. Although the House took no action during this past session it had indicated its position by passing overwhelmingly a similar bill in the previous Congress. Support of the bill is based primarily on the fact that it is a safety measure (according to pilots' and stewardesses' association) and that it would avoid imposing a barroom atmosphere on non-drinking air travellers.

Cabaret tax reduction, on the other hand, would make way for hundreds of additional night clubs throughout the country. A bill to accomplish this already passed the House. This year it will try for passage in the Senate.

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Inter-church

Greek Orthodox in Controversy on WCC

ATHENS, Greece — The Athens newspaper, *Kathimerini,* urged the Orthodox Church in Greece to make an early decision regarding the extent to which it will participate in the World Council of Churches. Strong influences are opposing further relations.

Kathimerini, organ of the National Progressive Union (Party) of the Center, said the decision to be taken "is of historic significance for both the Orthodox Church and the ecumenical movement."

"It is necessary that this problem be wisely studied," the paper said, "bearing in mind the need for cooperation among all Christian churches so that the social, ethical and even political probems of the present age be confronted."

Opponents of WCC membership plead dogmatic differences between the Eastern Orthodox Church and other churches belonging to the World Council and charge that the World Council seeks to become a "super-Church."

The Ecumenical Patriarchate, finding itself buffeted by various tides, may lose the support of some of the patriarchates and the autocephalous Orthodox Churches.

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Kathimerini urged all the Orthodox Churches to "put aside their divergent views regarding cooperation with the World Council" and come to an agreement with the Ecumenical Patriarchate on the question.

Ukrainian Alliance Convenes in Ontario

DETROIT, Mich. — The Ukrainian Evangelical Alliance of North America, which has its headquarters here, held its 1957 Convention in Hamilton, Ontario, upon invitation of the Ukrainian Presbyterian Church of that city.

UEA CORRESPONDENCE

The Convention sent formal greetings to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, President Eisenhower, and to Dr. S. Wytwytsky, President of the Ukrainian Government in exile.

The Sunday morning service was dedicated to the thirty-fifth anniversary of the Ukrainian Evangelical Alliance. Resolutions passed during convention sessions included statements concerning the problems of youth delinquency and the need of a new missionary approach to people of various national backgrounds within the Soviet Union and to refugees from that country. The new threat to the world from the modern Red imperialism and colonialism was also emphasized.

Rev. Basil Kusiw, Cranford, N. J., was elected Honorary President of the Alliance, and Mr. Peter Kowalchuk, Livingston, N. J., President.

Hungarian Red Leaders Accuse World Council

BUDAPEST—The clerical and lay heads of the Hungarian Reformed Church sent a letter to the World Council of Churches in Geneva accusing it of "unwarranted interference" in the internal affairs of Hungary, it was announced here.

It was signed by Bishop Elemer Gyory and Laszlo Buza, clerical and lay presidents, respectively, of the Church. The text was published in *Magyar Nemzet,* organ of the Hungar-

AN APPRAISAL OF THE SIXTH MENNONITE WORLD CONFERENCE

By C. N. HOSTETTER, JR.

President Messiah College

Twenty-five hundred people attended the Sunday afternoon session of the Sixth Mennonite World Conference in the Schwarzwaldhalle at Karlsruhe, Germany. Of the number attending this eight-day conference in August, nearly 300 were official delegates from their respective churches located in South America, Asia, United States, Canada, The Netherlands, France, Switzerland and Germany.

The theme of the Conference was "The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ in the World." The Conference sermon preached from Romans 1:16 was delivered by the moderator of the South German Conference, Rev. Abraham Braun. Addresses and discussions reviewed the task of the church in its obligations under the Gospel through world relief, evangelism, social service, women's work, youth, education, publications and other related fields.

Harold S. Bender, dean of Goshen College Biblical Seminary, was president of the Conference and Theo Glück, Lamprechtshof, Karlsruhe, Germany, served as secretary. The delegate body adopted a constitution setting up plans for a continuing organization and accepted an invitation to convene the Seventh Mennonite World Conference in Canada in 1962.

The official language of the Conference was German, but simultaneous translations were provided in English and French and part of the time in Dutch. The Bible-believing, Bible-loving emphasis which characterized the origin of this Mennonite brotherhood in the Anabaptist movement was readily in evidence as a dominant note in this Conference. On the closing day of the Conference 350 participants joined in a pilgrimage to Rottenburg, Germany, about 25 miles south of Stuttgart, where the Conference officially dedicated a memorial tablet to Michael Sattler, an outstanding early leader of the Anabaptist Mennonite movement who was martyred at Rottenburg in May, 1527.

The memorial service was a notable one, both for its historical character and for the participation in it by official representatives of German Evangelical Church and the University of Tübingen. A Mennonite historian and pastor, Gerhard Hein, delivered the memorial address, and the president of the Conference presided at the service and unveiled the memorial tablet. For the Evangelical Church three official representatives participated, all of whom stressed the note of appreciation for the bright testimony of the martyr Sattler as well as the desire for fellowship between the Evangelical Church and the Mennonite body. The representatives were the Pro-Dean of the Theological Faculty of the University of Tübingen, Professor Dr. Adolf Köberle and Prelate Pfeifle of the Württenberg State Church and Pastor Palmer of the Rottenburg Evangelical Congregation in whose historic

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ian Communist Party, and other papers here.

The Reformed Church leaders said they "deeply regretted" a letter sent by Dr. W. A. Visser 't Hooft, World Council secretary, expressing warm sympathy toward Dr. Laszlo Pap and other clergymen who, they said, had been involved in efforts to seize control of the Church in the wake of the revolt.

Bishop Gyory and Mr. Buza pointed out that the Hungarian Church is a member of the World Council but requested that its continued membership not be made "impossibly difficult."

Thus the "meddling" of World Council political and social leaders creates new world problems.

united action

Ford-Taylor Meetings NAE Central Region

WICHITA—NAE Executive Director George L. Ford and Public Affairs Director Clyde W. Taylor are on a seven-days' tour of Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska—under sponsorship of the Central Regional Office of the NAE, directed here by Rev. Mahlon L. Macy.

Theme for the mass rallies is "The Dynamic Performance of an Alert Minority." Dr. Taylor presents an eyewitness account of the persecution of Christians in mission fields, and Dr. Ford explains "How Evangelicals Are United for Action." Their itinerary follows: December 3 and 4—Springfield, Mo.; December 4 and 5—Topeka, Kans.; December 5—Wichita, Kans.; December 6—Concordia, Kans. and Henderson, Nebr.; December 7 and 8—Lincoln, Nebr.; December 9—Aurora, Nebr.

youth

"Alcohol and Adolescents" Featured by AY Conference

WASHINGTON, D. C.—In November some 500 hand-picked high school students from the United States and Nova Scotia attended a special school —the first of its kind ever offered—at Buck Hill Falls, Pa. Sponsored by Allied Youth, the school featured various seminars designed to answer teenagers' questions on "Alcohol and Adolescents."

Among the topics discussed were: "Drinking and the Teenage Driver," "What Happens When a Teenager Drinks," "Alcohol and Community Juvenile Problems," "Why Do Teenagers Drink," and "Drinking and Dating." Leading authorities in the fields of adolescents and alcohol acted as discussion leaders.

The teenager delegates, members of Allied Youth Posts in high schools and communities from Nova Scotia to Florida and from Maine to California, represented more than 20,000 youngsters in the Allied Youth Program of scientific alcohol education for teenagers.

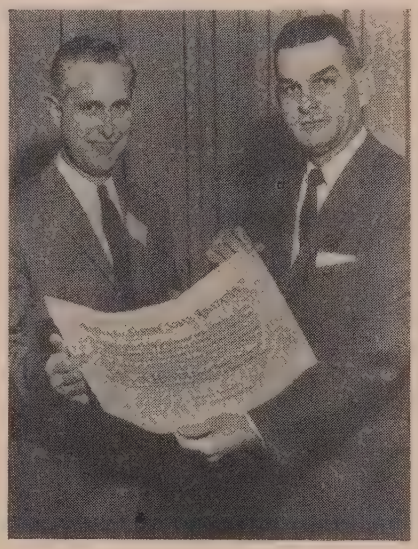
sunday school

New England Parents Attend Sunday School

BOSTON—Sunday school days have started all over again for parents in many New England communities as the result of a movement to encourage the whole family to attend Sunday school classes.

Separate Sunday school classes for parents and children are now being conducted in more than 100 churches—a new development in New England where Sunday School has been traditionally for children.

Rev. Norman S. Townsend of East Greenwich, R. I., New England representative of the National Sunday School Association, spoke enthusiastically of the program as he addressed the All-New England Sunday School Convention in Tremont Temple.



FBI HEAD HONORED.—J. Edgar Hoover, director of the FBI, was named by the All-New England Sunday School Convention here to receive its first Christian Citizenship Citation. Shown accepting the award on his behalf is Aubrey S. Brent, FBI agent in Boston (right). It was presented by Rev. Norman S. Townsend of East Greenwich, R. I., New England representative of the National Sunday School Association and president of the convention. The citation said that "among our nation's leaders no one has contributed so much to Sunday school attendance and Christian education as Mr. Hoover."

"We have been creating Sunday school classes for mothers and fathers," Mr. Townsend said. "Some of our largest classes are made up of young parents. It is not so much sending youngsters as bringing them."

He said that in his own Rhode Island church 400 parents go to Sunday school. The combined parent-child enrollment is 1500. Ten years ago, when the parents' program was started, only 110 children were enrolled.

"We feel the Bible has the answer to the family's problems—the needs of the parents as well as the children," Mr. Townsend said.

The convention, only in its second annual session, drew some 1,300 Sunday School teachers and leaders. It had its beginning as a result of the "Twin" convention of the National Sunday School Association in Providence, R. I., in 1955.

J. Edgar Hoover, director of the FBI, was named by the Boston Convention to receive its first Christian Citizenship Citation. "Among our nation's leaders no one has contributed so much to Sunday school attendance and Christian education as Mr. Hoover," the citation said. It was accepted for Mr. Hoover by a member of the Boston FBI office.

"Proclaim Liberty!" Title New ASSU Film

PHILADELPHIA — The American Sunday-School Union has just released its new 16 MM sound documentary film, "Proclaim Liberty!" Tracing the history and work of this pioneer Rural Missionary Society from its origin to the present day, the film is now available for showings by missionaries and authorized representatives of the Society.

Early appraisals of the film by Christian leaders declare its total impact as being impressive and startling.

For bookings of the film and other information, interested churches and Sunday schools may contact the Film Department, American Sunday-School Union, 1816 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania.

laymen

Canadian Heads Christian Business Men's Committee

PHOENIX, Ariz.—Donald F. McKechnie, an Ottawa accounting executive, was elected chairman of the Christian Business Men's Committee International at its 20th annual convention here. He is the first Canadian ever named to the post.

During the past year Mr. McKechnie served as vice-chairman and previously as secretary-treasurer. He is a partner in the firm of McKechnie, Boles & Company, certified public accountants.

Other officers elected were Harry R. Smith, vice-president of the Bank of America, San Francisco, vice-chairman; R. G. LeTourneau, Longview, Tex., industrialist, vice-chairman; G. Tom Willey, vice-president of Martin Co., Baltimore, Md., secretary; and Aaron Denlinger of Denlinger Feed Co., Paradise, Pa., treasurer.

The delegates named five new directors. They are Robert Kellogg, Sacramento, Calif., pharmacist; John Boyko, Detroit engineering executive; C. T. Skanse, president and general manager of the Douglas Co., Minneapolis, Minn.; Mr. LeTourneau and Mr. Denlinger.

Next year's convention will be held in Philadelphia, Oct. 15-19.

T. E. McCully of Chicago, executive secretary of the CBMCI, urged the use of the "cell approach" in business and homes. He noted that "the great growth of the Communist movement has been through this avenue."

"The cell must consist of small groups, not more than twelve," Dr. McCully said. "It must be led by dedicated Christians. When the group gets larger than twelve, divide off into another group. Get everyone to participate in prayer and discussion of the Bible."

He suggested that each cell meet twice a week for at least half an hour

and "pray for definite things and have a specific chapter for study and discussion."

Lorin Griset, a Santa Ana, Calif. insurance broker, told the delegates that their job would not be accomplished by means of the press, radio or television but by winning business men over to Jesus Christ.

"The key to our victory rests with more and more Christ-dedicated business men who are sure that God has called them to be His witnesses to the business world," he said.

Representatives of 405 local branches of the organization in 30 countries attended the convention.

Gideons Distribute Bibles in Florida

MIAMI, Fla.—Gideons International dedicated 100,000 Bibles at a service here before placing them in more than 500 south Florida hotels and motels. It was the largest number of Bibles ever given away by the organization in a single area at one time.

The volumes were dedicated and distributed in connection with a meeting here of the Gideons' cabinet.

Besides placing the Bibles, members spoke in 125 churches from West Palm Beach to Key West.

The meeting, attended by some 500 delegates, was addressed by Peter J. Zondervan of Grand Rapids, Mich., Gideons president.

Since 1908, the Gideons have placed more than 35,000,000 Bibles or Scriptures in hotels, hospitals, jails, motels, trains, ships, airplanes and Army and Navy centers.

Denominations

Mennonite Brethren Groups Plan Merger

INMAN, Kan.—Delegates to the 78th General Conference of the Krimmer Mennonite Brethren Church voted here to merge with the Mennonite Brethren Church of North America. The vote was by a two-thirds majority.

The delegates represented churches in California, South Dakota, Kansas, Saskatchewan, Canada, and North Carolina (Negro).

The Krimmer Mennonites are descendants of Russian immigrants from Crimea, where the denomination was founded in 1869. The Church has a membership of about 1,700 in the USA and Canada, with headquarters at Hillsboro, Kan.

The Mennonite Brethren Church of North America was established by a group who came to this country from Russia in 1874. It has a membership of 24,062 in the USA and Canada.

Both bodies are members of the National Association of Evangelicals.

Mennonite Brethren Million for Missions

YARROW, B. C. Canada—A record foreign missions budget of more than $1,500,000 for the next three years was voted by the General Conference of the Mennonite Brethren Church of North America at its triennial convention here.

For the first year of the next triennium the missions budget will be $473,000. During each of the following two years it will be increased by ten per cent.

A report to the convention said the Church's 24,384 members contributed an all-time high of nearly $2,500,000 to its various causes in 1956.

In approving the expanded foreign missions budget the General Conference said that new approaches and methods may be necessary for a continued, effective overseas program.

Rev. Dan. E. Friesen of Reedley, Calif., was elected moderator of the denomination, which is a member of the National Association of Evangelicals.

The delegates accepted an invitation from the Reedley congregation to hold the 1960 General Conference sessions there. The Church will mark its 100th anniversary at that time.

Ecumenism to Swallow Presbyterian Missions

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—(RNS)—Leaders of the Presbyterian Church in the USA and the United Presbyterian Church of North America drew up plans here for consolidation of various boards and agencies of the two denominations which will merge next year.

Under present plans major Church offices would be located in New York and Philadelphia. But area offices may be established in Pittsburgh, Chicago, San Francisco and St. Louis or Kansas City, Mo.

The Special Committee on Consolidations, the group that met here, accepted "in principle" a new concept of foreign missions goals and aspirations that stresses inter-church activity and cooperation.

A Commission on Ecumenical Mission and Relations would be created, with headquarters in New York, in place of the foreign missions boards and related agencies of the two Churches.

Instead of sending out missionaries under their home church administration the new commission would work overseas through indigenous churches and by exchanging fraternal workers.

Dr. Samuel C. Weir of Dearborn, Mich., a former moderator of the United Presbyterian Church, is chairman of the forty-member Special Committee on Consolidations. Vice-chairman is Charles L. Cunningham, a Pittsburgh attorney and lay leader of the Presbyterian Church in the USA.

Southern Methodists Warn of Church Split

CHARLOTTE, N. C. —(RNS)— A fact-finding panel of The Methodist Church was warned by most of fifty witnesses at a public hearing here that abolition of the denomination's Central (Negro) Jurisdiction would split the denomination. Some of the witnesses predicted that such a division would require "100 years to heal."

(Similar warnings were issued at previous hearings in Atlanta, Ga., and Montgomery, Ala.)

The few who opposed the present jurisdictional system were mostly younger witnesses. They said the system is

LATE NEWS AT PRESS TIME

● THE ARAB WORLD is being solicited for a $50,000,000 fund to combat Christianity and to make Africa Moslem. Many areas where Moslem influence is strong will not now permit Christian missionaries to teach and preach.

● INTERCHURCH CENTER, the $20,000,000 headquarters building of the National Council of Churches, its constituent denominations and related agencies, is now under construction next door to the famed Riverside Church, New York City. Thus another step has been taken toward concentration of ecclesiastical authority and the achievement of the "Super Church" in America.

● SUNDAY OBSERVANCE laws were strongly opposed in resolutions passed by the United Synogogues of America in its recent convention at Kiamesha Lake, N. Y.

● CAMPUS DANCING at Wake Forest and Meredith Colleges was banned by the North Carolina Baptist Convention at its recent meeting in Raleigh. Both schools recently permitted on-campus dancing after a lapse of twenty years. Students at Wake Forest rioted in protest when the ban was announced.

● ROMAN CATHOLICS in Colombia are moving toward stronger control of the State by means of a national plebiscite. Strong pressure is being brought on the predominantly Romanist electorate to vote for a coalition government pledged to the abrogation of all reforms which have weakened the hierarchy's grip on education and religion.

● BILLY GRAHAM'S new International Evangelistic Association Headquarters building was dedicated in Minneapolis last month. His board has been increased to twenty men. Dr. Graham will no longer be board chairman. The structure formerly housed the offices of The Standard Oil Company.

● NIKITA KHRUSHCHEV, in a notable interview November 24 with William Randolph Hearst, Jr., and Bob Considine, strongly reiterated that Communists are atheists and that anyone who believes in God cannot be advanced in the Communist Party. Communism and God are incompatible, said the new Soviet dictator.

● THE CENSUS BUREAU is in a dither over whether Americans will be asked their religious affiliation in the 1960 census questionnaire. Some religious groups favor such a question as a means of securing valuable statistical information. Others oppose it as a violation of separation of church and state.

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We plead with you, dear Christian friend, to help us to send these Hebrew Christians not costly gifts, but "something to eat for Christmas."

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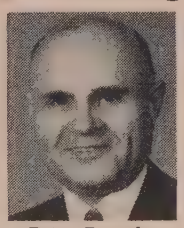
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discriminatory and lacked any justification. As a group, they claimed, the youth of the Church is almost 100 per cent against segregation.

The hearing, which received statements from Methodists of North and South Carolina and Virginia, was one of twenty-four being held across the country by a special commission to determine the future of the denomination's jurisdictional system.

There are six jurisdictions in the Church, five of them geographical and the other, the Central Jurisdiction, an all-Negro grouping.

Bishop Nolan B. Harmon of Charlotte, N. C. told the panel here that the Central Jurisdiction was agreed upon in 1939, when three branches of Methodism united, "to protect the minority rights of regions." He said that "without this constitutional guarantee the Southern Church would have never accepted this plan of union."

Hugo S. Sims, Orangeburg, S. C., lawyer, said that "we are not going to integrate our schools or our churches." He added that "very frankly it doesn't make any difference what the Supreme Court of The Methodist Church does. This attitude will not change."

Paul Ervin, Charlotte attorney, said the 1939 agreement was "a solemn pact made to be kept, not broken nor disregarded." He said enforced integration in the Church would create a schism that again would divide the denomination.

Other sentiments voiced by witnesses were that the Central Jurisdiction does not constitute discrimination because Negro members have access to all rights through their own jurisdiction, and that the system provides "protection" for two minorities—the Negroes and the South.

Canadian Group Merges With Free Methodists

WINONA LAKE, Ind.—A plan under which the Holiness Movement Church of Canada will be merged with the Free Methodist Church of North America was approved by the board of administration of the latter body here.

The Holiness group has a membership of about 1,000 in Canada and conducts work in Hong Kong, Brazil, Ireland and Egypt. The Egyptian affiliate embraces several thousand members.

A delegation from the Canadian Church previously met here with the Board of Bishops of the Free Methodist Church. It conveyed to the bishops an action by the General Conference of the Holiness denomination approving union with the Free Methodists.

The board here set up a committee to consummate the merger, subject to further action by the Holiness Church.

Methodist Membership Gains Reach 9,566,629

CHICAGO — Membership in The Methodist Church in the United States now stands at 9,566,629, it was announced here. This is a gain of 121,809 over the previous year.

The Methodist Church is the largest Protestant denomination in the country, although Baptists outnumber Methodists as a religious family.

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the denomination's statistical office, reported the figures. He said the total does not include 1,382,207 preparatory members—baptized children and others under instruction but not yet received into full membership.

Church school membership rose to 7,052,660, with an average attendance at Sunday school of 3,710,849. Each figure is about 100,000 more than in 1956.

There are 26,872 ministers in the denomination and 39,359 organized churches. Heretofore the report has listed "preaching places." Some of these "preaching places" are outposts on circuits where a church group has not been formally organized. Last year's report listed 39,845 "preaching places," about 500 more than this year's "organized churches."

EFCA Conducts Annual Institute

GREELEY, Colo.—"Stewards of His Manifold Grace" was the theme of the Annual Ministerial Institute held here recently at First Evangelical Free Church under auspices of the Evangelical Free Church of America. Among the ministers and missionaries attending and participating in the Institute were the president of the denomination, Dr. Arnold T. Olson; Rev. C. C. Larson, National Sunday School Secretary of the EFCA and other officers.

Emphasis in the Seminar was placed especially on Stewardship and Evangelism.

Kansas Friends In 86th Meeting

WICHITA, Kans.—"Numerical gains and a missionary spirit of aggression" characterized the eighty-sixth annual sessions of Kansas Yearly Meeting of Friends held here at the University Friends Church, according to reports. Several hundred members of the eighty-nine Friends Churches met for worship and business.

Rev. Merle A. Roe was unanimously re-elected to serve his ninth term as General Superintendent. In his annual report he noted a total of 8,522 in membership — sixty-three over last year; an average of one new church extension point each year for the past twelve years; the support of twenty-four full-time foreign missionaries, and substantial growth in the Visitation Evangelism program, Sunday School work and Christian Endeavor. A property for the business of the Superintendent has been purchased at Maple and Charles Streets, Wichita.

Pentecostal Group Reorganizes at Meet

OKLAHOMA CITY—(RNS)—Delegates to the thirteenth General Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church voted to reorganize the denomination into four geographical jurisdictions and elected a bishop and four assistant superintendents. They will replace the two bishops who have heretofore administered the Church and its international missions.

Presiding Bishop Joseph Synan of Hopewell, Va., was named superintendent. He will be assisted by Rev. W. H. Turner, Florence, N. C.; Rev.

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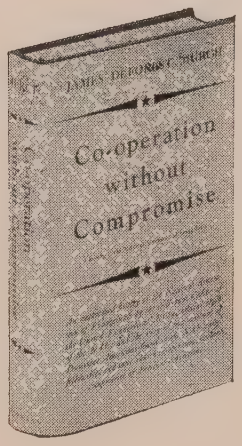

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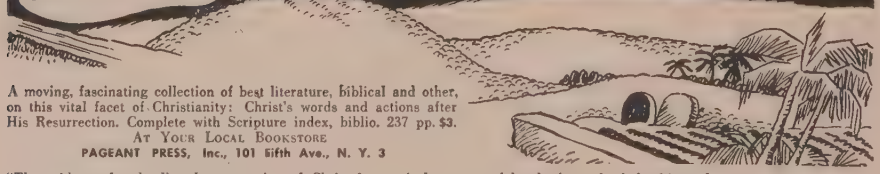

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George Byus, Tacoma, Wash.; Rev. Robert L. Rex, Oklahoma City; and Rev. T. A. Melton, Leakesville, N. C. Boundaries of the new jurisdictions will be determined later.

The new superintendent told the delegates that church membership in the United States and Canada had increased by 4,249 in the last four years, bringing the total to 47,399. Membership in foreign lands is 15,524, he said.

The bishop said 212 churches had been organized in the past four years for a total of 1,165. He also reported gains in Sunday school enrollment, ministerial candidates, youth societies and valuation of church-owned property.

The delegates voted to erect a new headquarters building and publishing house at Franklin Springs, Ga.

Adventists Adopt $3,000,000 Budget

WASHINGTON, D. C. —(RNS)— A record 1958 world budget of $26,064,954 for the Seventh-day Adventist Church was approved by its Autumn Council here. It represents an increase of $3,241,196 over the 1957 budget.

A total of $12,808,824 was allocated for overseas missions, medical and educational work.

The new budget includes an appropriation of $760,000 for initial buildings of Potomac University at Tacoma Park, Md., the first Adventist university. Classes at the university, which began last June, are now being held at the Adventist Theological Seminary in Tacoma Park.

Also in the budget is $721,000 for the Church's radio and television evangelism work.

Henry W. Klaser of Washington, the denomination's statistical secretary, reported that 82,925 members were added to the Church last year to make a total world membership of 1,051,442. He said that only slightly more than 21 per cent of the members are in North America and the rest overseas.

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Frisco Area Ministers Face Graham Crusade

OAKLAND, Calif.—Some sixty fundamentalist ministers in the Bay Area met here recently and voted cooperation in the coming Billy Graham Crusade in the Cow Palace, San Francisco only on condition that all members of the Executive Committee, General Sponsoring Committee, Counselors, and ministers called to lead in prayer gladly and without reservation sign a doctrinal statement indicating their belief in and full support of the doctrines which Dr. Graham preaches and which these ministers believe, as follows:

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Ministers in the Southwest Region of the National Association of Evangelicals, the largest strictly evangelical inter-church agency in California, have uniformly agreed to participate in the crusade.

Education

Seattle Pacific College Sees Record Enrollment

SEATTLE, Wash.—Seattle Pacific College, pioneer evangelical liberal-arts college of the Pacific Northwest, reports another record enrollment. Final enrollment figure is 1107 students, compared to 1038 last autumn, which was also a record.

Students began their classes to the tune of bulldozers and steamshovels as work commenced on a $600,000 residence hall designed to house 170 women students.

Education Conference At Park Street Church

BOSTON—Theme of the Eighth Christian Education Conference held at Park Street Church here the middle of last month, was: "The Contemporary Crisis in Secular Education."

The problem was posed by Senator Ralph E. Flanders and different phases discussed by leading educators. Dr. S. L. Boehmer, pastor and specialist in Sunday School work, spoke on "What the Church Can Do About It," and Dr. Carl F. H. Henry, editor of *Christianity Today,* on "What the Christian Public Can Do About It."

Accrediting Agency Takes Advance Steps

CHICAGO.—The 11th annual meeting of the Accrediting Association of Bible Institutes and Bible Colleges, meeting at Moody Bible Institute, recently elected Dr. Cornelius Haggard, president of Azusa Bible College, Azusa, California as president of the Association for a two year term (*Action,* Nov. 15).

The Association, founded in 1947 as the accrediting organization for a number of church-related and independent Schools of the Bible, Bible Institutes and Bible Colleges, now has a membership of thirty-one accredited schools and eleven associates. In attendance at the meeting were 102 representatives from 39 member schools and from 26 other schools and related educational agencies. The Toccoa Falls Bible Institute of Toccoa Falls, Georgia received accreditation at the meeting of the Association this year.

Principal speakers for the three day convention were Dr. A. W. Tozer, minister of The Christian and Missionary Alliance Church of Chicago, Illinois, author and editor of *The Alliance Weekly;* Dr. Frances Chase, Chairman, The Department of Education, University of Chicago; and Mr. H. G. Faulkner, Business Manager, Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois. In addition to the regular sessions of the meeting special workshops were conducted in areas of related emphasis including a special session for business administration officers of the various colleges. This latter was under the direction of Mr. Leroy Johnson, Comptroller of the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, Illinois.

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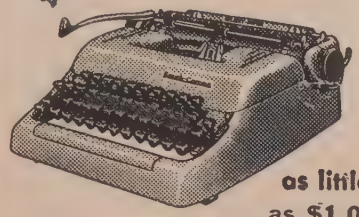

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fice of Executive Director. Dr. S. A. Witmer of Fort Wayne, Ind. was chosen to fill this post. Dr. Witmer has been associated with the Fort Wayne Bible College in Fort Wayne, Indiana for the past 26 years during the last twelve of which he has served as president of the college. He assumes his new duties with AABIBC January 1, 1958. In addition to general supervision of the overall work of AABIBC Dr. Witmer will be actively engaged in the promotion of both enrollment and financial aid for all the member schools.

Additional officers elected by the Association are: Dr. Terrelle B. Crum, Dean, Providence-Barrington Bible College, Providence, Rhode Island as Secretary-Treasurer; and Dr. Joseph Schmidt, president of Grace Bible Institute of Omaha, Nebraska, Assistant Secretary. Dr. William Culbertson president of Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, Illinois was chosen as a member at large of the Executive Committee representing the Accredited Schools. The retiring president of the Association Dr. William Mierop, president of the Philadelphia Bible Institute, will remain on the Executive Committee as past president.

Offices of the Association are located at 100 State Street, Providence 8, Rhode Island.

Evangelical Leaders Visit Bryan Campus

DAYTON, Tenn.—Major Ian Thomas, a Reserve British Army officer who heads a missionary ministry among teenagers of Europe, held stirring meetings on the Bryan University campus November 18-21.

Dr. Harold John Ockenga, pastor of the Park Street Church, Boston, spoke during Bryan's participation in the nation-wide celebration of "National Association of Evangelicals Week."

Other outstanding Christian leaders appearing recently at the Bryan chapel were Rev. Lawrence Love, Jr., pastor of the Bethany Presbyterian Church, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; and Rev. Robert Smith, professor of Christian philosophy at Bethel College, St. Paul, Minn.

Speakers at the recent 27th annual Bible conference were Dr. L. P. McClenny, pastor of the Calvary Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, N. C.; Dr. George S. Schuler of Orlando, Fla., composer of sacred music and vice president of the Door of Hope Mission; Rev. Solon Hoyt, missionary to Argentina; Rev. John Quimby, missionary to Japan; and Mrs. C. V. Biddle, vice president of the Women's Christian Temperance Union and former president of Tennessee State WCTU.

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other," he said at the annual meeting.

Robert Walker of Chicago, editor of *Christian Life* magazine, said the press is "the greatest single tool for getting the Gospel across to people."

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Alan Haw of Belleville, Ont., was elected president of the association. George Bowman of Scarborough, Ont., and Rev. R. B. Warren of Toronto were named vice-presidents.

EPA 1958 Convention Set for Washington

CHICAGO — "Serving Christ and Country" will probably be the theme for the 1958 Evangelical Press Association Convention, according to announcement here by Rev. William A. Ackerman, executive secretary. Dates of the Convention are January 28 and 29 and the place is the nation's capital —Hotel Raleigh, Washington, D. C.

Interesting highlights of the program (some waiting confirmation) listed by Mr. Ackerman are: (1) State Department briefing by a Near East expert who will give EPA'ers an informal report on Near East problems; (2) meeting with the under-secretary, Christian Herter; (3) a visit to the White House; (4) contributions by Dr. Glenn Archer, president of Protestants and Other Americans United, and Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, secretary of affairs for the National Association of Evangelicals; (5) a visit to the offices of *Christianity Today;* (6) a panel discussion on one of the most explosive topics of the day, "Integration and the Christian Editor"; (7) a round table discussion—participants to be Christian ambassadors, Congressmen, etc.—led by Mr. Richard Halvorsen, director of International Christian Leadership.

Further details will appear in later issues of *Action* magazine. Editors of all evangelical magazines are urged to mark the above dates on their calendars.

Religious Newswriters To Meet in Washington

WASHINGTON, D. C. —(RNS)— The 1958 convention of the Religious Newswriters Association will be held here April 20-22, Casper Nannes, president, announced. He is church news editor of the *Washington Evening Star.*

It will be the first time the association, which comprises men and women engaged in covering religious news for the secular press, has met in the nation's capital.

Mr. Nannes named a committee on convention arrangements. Members are Glenn D. Everett, Washington correspondent of Religious News Service; Kenneth Dole, church editor of the *Washington Post* and *Times-Herald;* Robert Tate Allen, church editor of the *Washington Daily News;* and Louis Cassels, writer on religion for the United Press.

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University of Vermont Ends Chapel Services

BURLINGTON, Vt.—Weekly chapel services at the University of Vermont will be discontinued, the board of trustees decided here.

Dr. Carl W. Borgmann, president of the state university, said the services would "seem, at least technically, to violate the third article of the Vermont constitution." He said this article states that "no man ought to, or of a right can be compelled to, attend any religious worship, or erect or support any place of worship. . . ."

Dr. Borgmann said the worship service might be interpreted as compelling taxpayers to support "a place of worship," since the university gets a subsidy from the state.

Termination of the chapel services ends one of the oldest traditions of the university which was founded in 1791. The school was officially made a state institution by a 1955 act of the legislature.

The action serves to highlight the strong trend toward paganism in public education.

President to Proclaim Annual Day of Prayer

WASHINGTON, D. C. —(RNS)— A spokesman for the White House confirmed here that President Eisenhower has decided to proclaim the first Wednesday in October each year as a national day of prayer.

The spokesman said the President will try to enlist the cooperation of religious leaders of all faiths so that the day will be marked by appropriate observances.

Congress adopted a joint resolution in 1952 calling upon the President to proclaim a "day other than a Sunday" each year as a national day of prayer for peace. The lawmakers left it up to the Chief Executive to select the day.

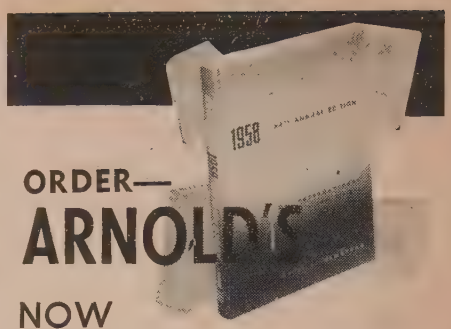
President Harry S. Truman proclaimed July 4, 1952, as the first such day, urging that Americans join in prayer as they observed Independence Day. However, there was no visible response to the Presidential proclamation. Mr. Eisenhower moved the date to September and then October, also without much success.

Unveil Monument to Translator of Bible

GLOUCESTER, Mass. —(RNS)— A memorial to John Rogers (1500-55), editor of "Matthew's Bible" and first British Protestant martyr under Queen Mary Tudor of England, was unveiled on the grounds of the Open-Church Association here.

The six-foot monument, cut of gray granite, stands on a base about four feet square. It is topped with a huge replica of an open Bible and has a large bronze medallion of Rogers on one side.

The memorial is a gift from Roger W. Babson of Gloucester, who said he is a lineal descendant of the early Protestant leader.



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Rogers' Bible served as the basic text for later Scriptures such as the Great Bible (1539), the Bishop's Bible (1568) and the King James Bible (Authorized Version, 1611).

Court to Review Loyalty Oath Law

WASHINGTON, D. C. —(RNS)— The Supreme Court has agreed to rule on the constitutionality of a California law which requires churches to sign a loyalty oath as a condition for continued exemption from real estate taxes.

Four churches are appealing a 4-3 California Supreme Court decision upholding the law.

The high court announced that it would hear appeals from First Unitarian church of Los Angeles and the People's church of San Fernando Valley, Van Nuys, which is affiliated with both the Unitarian and Universalist denominations.

A joint appeal by First Methodist church of San Leandro and First Unitarian church of Berkeley probably will be consolidated with the others for hearing. The court has not yet reached their case on its docket.

The loyalty oath law was passed in 1955 to enforce a state constitutional amendment adopted in 1953. The amendment specified that "no person or organization which advocates the overthrow of the Government of the United States or of the state of California by force or violence or other unlawful means or who advocates support of a foreign government against the United States in the event of hostilities" shall enjoy exemption from any tax levied by the state or any county or municipality."

The law requires churches and other non-profit organizations to swear that they do not, and will not, engage in any of the prescribed activities.

Baptists to Fight Refusal of Permit

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—Officials of Lake Drive Baptist church vowed a court fight if necessary to obtain a building permit in suburban Bayside.

The congregation's application to build on land it purchased in Bayside was turned down by the village board.

Rev. Wilson Martin, pastor, said the congregation would apply for a permit on constitutional grounds. He contended that the board's action "actually set up barriers to the freedom of worship."

"This is an issue of separation between Church and State," Mr. Martin said. "If a political body says that a church cannot build here or there, it is dictating to the church."

Atty. Paul C. Konnor, representing the congregation, said the case would be appealed to the circuit court if village officials refused the permit.

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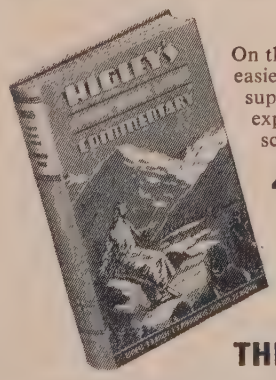

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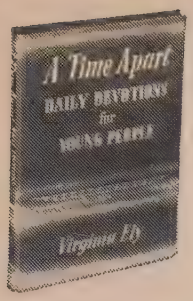

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Penn Prayer Marks 275th Anniversary

PHILADELPHIA —(RNS)— William Penn's Prayer for Philadelphia was recited in churches, synagogues and at civic meetings here as the city marked the 175th anniversary of the famed Quaker leader's landing in this area.

Penn is commemorated by a 37-foot-high, two-ton statue which tops the tower of City Hall. Visible for miles it shows the Quaker pioneer with a hand half raised in blessing. Penn's prayer is recorded on two large bronze plaques in the courtyard below.

In connection with the anniversary 25,000 copies of the prayer, suitable for framing, were distributed to schools and business houses of the area by a local insurance company. The prayer reads:

"And thou Philadelphia, the virgin settlement of this Province, named before thou were born. What love, What care, What service and What travail has there been to bring thee forth and preserve thee from such as would abuse and defile thee. O that thou mayest be kept from the evil that would overwhelm thee; that, faithful to the God of thy Mercies, in the life of righteousness thou mayest be preserved to the end.

"My soul prays to God for thee that thou mayest stand in the day of trial that thy children may be blest of the Lord and thy people saved by His power."

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Panamerican Network Widens Its Horizons

QUITO, Ecuador—During the general radio conference held here at the studios of HCJB in connection with the fourth biennial meeting of the Panamerican Christian Network Board of Directors, it was proposed that full membership by invitation be extended to program networks, recording studios, and local broadcasters. This decision, if ratified by the member organizations of the PCN, is expected to widen the ministry of the Network and make it more representative of the vast amount of broadcasting now being carried on throughout the Latin American countries.

"The Conference has been a magnificent display of cooperation, crossing denominational lines and affiliations," stated Paul Pretiz, manager of Station HOXO in Panama City.

Covenant Church to Build Radio Station in Alaska

CHICAGO.—The Executive Board and the Board of Missions of the Evangelical Covenant Church of America recently decided to file application with the Federal Communications Commission for license to build and operate a standard broadcast station at or near Nome, Alaska.

Covenant missionary, Arthur Zylstra, is being engaged to head up this project for the next two to four years. Mr. Zylstra has had considerable experience in Christian broadcasting, having served for eight years with HCJB in Quito, Ecuador, and HOXO in the Panama Canal Zone.

Rev. Ralph P. Hanson, secretary of Covenant World Missions, says, "A 'Voice of the Arctic' radio ministry will be a significant milepost in the advance of the gospel in northern Alaska and eastern Siberia."

The Covenant Church, which pioneered missionary aviation in Alaska, has been doing missionary work on this field for 70 years.

NRB Planning Meet In Nation's Capital

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—Washington, D. C., will again be the scene of the annual meeting of National Religious Broadcasters in the Capital's Mayflower Hotel February 5 and 6.

At this meeting will be present some of the most outstanding leaders of the Federal Communications Commission, as well as of the Radio and Television Industry. National leaders in the field of radio and television broadcasting will share their experience and "know-how" with evangelical broadcasters. The Conference program will feature the greatest galaxy of radio and television experts ever to appear before the NRB audience.

Special attention will be paid to the needs and problems of broadcasters who feature religious programs over existing radio facilities; who own and operate Christian radio stations in this country; and who are engaged in the operation of missionary broadcasting stations overseas.

The 1958 assembly of Religious Broadcasters will constitute a powerful testimony in the Nation's Capital, a factor which will also be heralded in the convention theme: "Preserve our American Heritage!"

MISSIONS

South Korea Crusade Sees 5,657 Decisions

SEOUL, Korea — Despite unseasonably cold weather and a drenching downpour of rain, 31,800 persons attended the concluding meeting of the Seoul Crusade conducted October 4-20 by Missionary-Evangelist Bob Pierce.

They brought the total attendance for the campaign in the South Korean capital to 296,045. A total of 352 decisions for Christ were reported in the final meeting (162 of them first time decisions for salvation), bringing the total for the entire Seoul Crusade to 5,657 decisions (3,115 first time).

"We are humbly grateful to God for this gracious outpouring of His Spirit," declared Dr. Pierce, "and thankful too for all our friends throughout the world who prayed with us for the Seoul Crusade."

Serving in the campaign with Pierce, who is president of World Vision, Inc.,

were such well-known gospel musicians as Fague Springmann, Dr. F. Carlton Booth, Howard Skinner, Norman Nelson and Jack Conner.

Earlier, Dr. Pierce had joined other distinguished Christian leaders in a series of highly successful Pastors' Conferences sponsored throughout the Orient by World Vision. Over 6,000 Christian Nationals gathered in Java, the Philippines, Formosa, Japan and Korea to hear Dr. Paul S. Rees and Rev. Richard C. Halverson of the United States, Bishop Enrique Sobrepena of the Philippines and Bishop Alexander Mar Theophilus of India, in addition to Dr. Pierce.

Portuguese Baptists to Organize More Churches

CHICAGO. — While Conservative Baptist churches in America are hoping to organize new churches at the rate of "408 in '58" an association of Baptist churches in Portugal has taken an even higher goal.

The ten churches in the Association of Baptist Churches (with an average of only sixty members per church) have pledged themselves to each organize another self-supporting church during the coming year.

This is the first time such an effort has been made in the history of Portugal and comes partly as the result of the new manual by missionary Arthur Brown, *How One Church Can Start Another*. The manual was written for Portuguese churches and appeared during the early summer months.

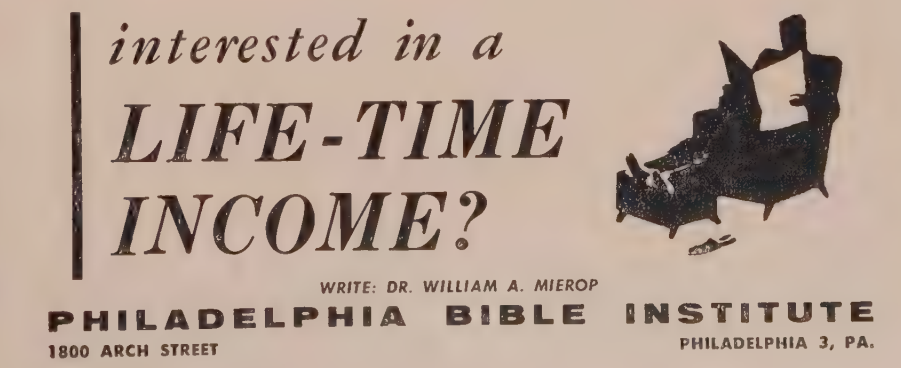
European Navigators In Week-Long Seminar

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Eighty people, including Navigator staff members and key people from eight countries of Western Europe (with a few American visitors) met recently at Oosterbeek, Holland, for a European Navigators Seminar.

These men and women from eight countries came together to confer on a more effective investment of their lives in the cause of reaching the world with the Gospel of Christ. A high point of the conference was a message on World Vision by European Director Dan Piatt, who also reported on the New York Billy Graham Crusade where he had directed counselor training and follow-up. Messages on Salvation, Separation, The Life of Faith, and the Holy Spirit were given by George Winston of Brussels Bible Institute. One meeting included summary reports of the Navigators' current work in the Orient, in Europe, in the United States and among men of the U. S. Armed Forces.

Dr. Clyde Taylor Speaks At Missions Conference

TACOMA, Wash. — Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, secretary of Public Affairs for the National Association of Evangelicals, and director of the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association, was speaker at three sessions on the closing day of the Eighth Annual Missionary Conference held here recently at First Presbyterian Church. He spoke at the Sunday morning worship service, at an afternoon program and again in the evening. Dr. Taylor, a top authority



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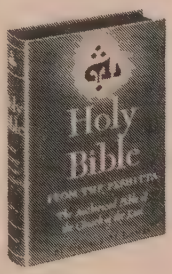

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on the world missionary picture as it relates to the State Department, also spoke three times on Friday. His early morning service on Friday and the Sunday evening program were broadcast over KTAC, as were other portions of the Conference program.

Among the various other outstanding missionary figures participating in the Conference program were Dr. Fred C. Schwarz, surgeon and psychiatrist from Sydney, Australia, a world authority on Communism, and Charley F. Embree, a world traveler who served in the USA Department of Agriculture as a consultant and now represents Whitworth College.

Dr. Albert J. Lindsey, pastor of the host church, called this Missionary Conference "a thrilling, historic week for every member and friend of the church as well as all others who are interested in the cause of Christ around the world."

Personalia

William A. Mierop has resigned as president of the Philadelphia Bible Institute and will begin his duties as pastor of the Hydewood Park Baptist Church, North Plainfield, N. J., January 1.

Paul S. Rees, pastor of First Covenant Church, Minneapolis, Minn., will preach in a series of special meetings at Park Street Church, Boston, beginning December 29.

Ellie Hopkins of Longview, Texas has been named to receive the 1957 Press Award of the Baptist General Convention of Texas. Mr. Hopkins is editor of the *Longview Daily News* and vice president of Carl Estes publications.

Tressie V. Myers, secretary of the Nurses Christian Fellowship of Inter-Varsity, is on a world tour visiting groups of Christians nurses and organizing new fellowships.

E. Dean Barr, pastor of First Christian Church, Beaver, Okla., has resigned to accept the presidency of Dakota Bible College, Huron, S. D.

Merv Rosell, noted evangelist, will hold a series of meetings for the North Park Baptist Church, San Diego, Calif., beginning December 1.

Hyman Appelman, well-known evangelist, recently closed an evangelistic campaign in Anchorage, Alaska with splendid results. Dr. Appelman's recent meetings at London, Ontario and Kalispell, Montana have been uniformly successful.

H. H. Savage, pastor of First Baptist Church, Pontiac, Mich., was guest speaker at the Anniversary Dinner of Christ's Mission, New York City, October 25.

J. C. Penney, nationally-known business executive and philanthropist, was guest speaker at a special Convocation at Taylor University recently. He was awarded an honorary degree.

George J. Carlson, while on his annual hunting trip in Canada, was killed in a plane accident. Dr. Carlson was pastor of Marquette Manor Baptist Church, Chicago and one of the "founding fathers" of the Conservative Baptist movement.

Woodrow Rood, son of the late Dr. Paul W. Rood, has accepted the ministry of the Community Baptist Church, Manhattan Beach, Calif. Dr. Rood was formerly pastor of First Church, Montebello where the church grew from 424 to 1,910 under his ministry and last year gave $54,000 to missions.

Edwin Jacques, foreign secretary of the Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Society, has been awarded a doctor of divinity degree by Conservative Baptist Theological Seminary in Denver, Colorado.

John Schwab of The Evangelical Alliance Mission has been re-elected president of the Evangelical Missionary Association of Japan. EMAJ now has nearly 700 members.

Jose A. Fernandez, converted Roman Catholic priest, founder-director of the Protestant-Catholic Information Center, Inc., is featured in two Christian Education films just released by the Center, "Mixed Marriage" and its sequel, "The Two Shall Be One." Dr. Fernandez recently conducted a three-day meeting under the auspices of the Chicago Council of Presbyterian Men.

Mennonite Conference

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church the service was held and the tablet dedicated.

The Conference adopted the following message speaking to Mennonite congregations and to Christians throughout the world:

We have been together in these days in earnest prayer, in devout faith, and in joyful hope, and have experienced again that God's grace is sufficient for all our need, and that His strength is made perfect in our weakness.

The general theme, "The Gospel of Jesus Christ in the World," pointed us again to the Lord Jesus Christ, the Head of the church. In gratitude and love the Conference confesses Him as Saviour. He is Himself the Gospel.

The Conference considers it to be its task to point the members of the Mennonite congregations to the immeasurable gift of God's grace in the Gospel, and to summon them to constant devotion to this message. We feel deeply the inescapable responsibility laid upon

us all to proclaim this Gospel in greater fulness and power to the world. For the world's chalenge is increasingly sharp today. In so far as it does not simply ignore the church completely, it condemns her for her neglect, charges her with lack of meekness and love, and accuses her, often rightly, of failure in complete dedication.

The Conference confesses that it is not enough to delight complacently in the salvation which we have in Christ, nor does this correspond to the true nature of Christian faith; it is not enough to rejoice in the promise of victory in the conflict in which faith is engaged. Nor is it the calling of the church to become angry about the erroneous ways of the world and to resent its condemnation of the church.

We recognize and gladly confess that the only faith which is truly adequate to promote the Gospel is one that works by love, the faith which our Anabaptist forefathers confessed and practiced.

We are therefore grateful to God that we as a brotherhood have been able to do something in His service in the name of Christ and under the direction of the Holy Spirit, in such fields as missions, Christian education, publication, peace testimony, relief work, and social service. At the same time, facing the great need of the world and the tremendous commission which God has given the Church in the Gospel, we humbly confess the shortcoming of our achievements hitherto. We ask God to make us ever more able for our task, in which all brethren and sisters, young and old, are needed. We therefore summon our congregations to engage all members in the service of the Gospel and stimulate them to active work.

We believe that the Gospel of Jesus Christ has a clear message also regarding the problem of peace in our time. We are deeply concerned about the expanding armament of the nations, with ever more terrible weapons. This development threatens the very existence of the whole human race, and is in direct contradiction to the Gospel and the will of God. It forces us to consider whether we have really believed and faithfully proclaimed the message of reconciliation and peace which is given in Christ.

In the work of Christian love as well as in the testimony to the creative power of the Gospel, which makes all things new, we find paths in which Christ would have us walk. We therefore summon our congregations, together with all Christians in full discipleship and obedience to Christ, to renounce everything which is contrary to the love of Christ and the reconciliation which He brings.

We confess a confident hope in the victory of our Lord over all need and fear, and over all the powers of destruction and death. We believe that Christ is to be the Lord over the Church and the world. May His kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven!

The Battle

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(1) Ascertain what state statutes and/or local laws are now in effect.

(2) Consult competent lawyers as to what effect, if any, the recent Supreme Court decisions may have on those laws.

(3) If adequate laws do not exist, take steps to provide and promote the enactment of good laws. The New York, California statutes will aid here.

(4) Get the backing of your local council or community governing body, if possible.

(5) Survey actual conditions in your area to determine local strategy. Perhaps your local committee can persuade news dealers to eliminate objectionable material. The persuasion could take the form of a warning that the dealer is subject to prosecution. If these steps are insufficient, then several should be delegated to purchase magazines obviously violating existing laws and formal complaint should be filed by them with the State's Attorney. If he does not act, your committee can appeal to the Grand Jury.

3. That the Women's Fellowship of the National Association of Evangelicals be encouraged to join in the fight against obscenity on the local level.

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The author is a refugee from central Europe who realizes that in Christianity is to be found the answer both to the foundation of our democracy and the hope of its survival. The great dilemma is that it has enabled us to build a gigantic technocracy, but this same achievement carries the threat of its downfall. Civilization is headed for unversalism, and Christianity has the quality of universalism in it, but will it capture the present trend? Considerations that tend toward both success and failure in the political application of Christianity are discussed with vigor and insight.

"Business Handbook for Churches." Harold F. Linamen. 168 pp. Warner Press. No price listed.

Many churches are today substantial business enterprises as well as spiritual ministries. Their budgets run into the hundreds of thousands of dollars. Most churches feel an obligation to dispense monies wisely and a number of methods of conducting the church's financial program are employed. This volume will have much to contribute to any local church organization coming, as it does, from the pen of a man who is a partner in an accounting firm which specializes in setting up business systems and records for churches. Business meetings are discussed, insurance, real estate transactions, building and remodeling programs, financial campaigns, borrowing money, the budget and bookkeeping problems, filing, etc. A copy of this book could well be available to every pastor and church board.

"Preaching and Teaching the New Testament." P. B. Fitzwater. 622 pp. Moody. $7.95.

Dr. Fitzwater has taught at the Moody Bible Institute for forty-one years. Here he has set forth a synoptic outline of the New Testament which he hopes will help the pastor and Bible teacher impart the essential Word of God as set forth in its pages. The customary matters of introduction are dealt with briefly for each book and then a detailed outline is given. The outlines have a homiletic turn to them where this is convenient, but the form is not allowed to influence the material. The riches of the New Testament are abundantly pointed up in these analyses.

"I Walk the Glory Road." Redd Harper. 157 pp. Revell. $2.50.

Cowboy singer Redd Harper first came to the attention of the Christian world in Billy Graham's first film, "Mr. Texas," and at the Phil Kerr Monday Musicals in Pasadena, California. The challenging story of his conversion through the influence of the Hollywood Christian Group and his subsequent ministry in Christian music is told in this, his own story. The book is a little different in that the chapters alternate between the incidents in his Christian life, leading up to his decison and after, and flashbacks of hs pre-Christian career. All chapters in their titles begin "A Walk . . ." The publisher also made an innovation (so far as Christian books are concerned in our observation) in the use of some modern book design devices, such as indented paragraphs and some blank verse. It is a book that is hard to lay down, and is another contribution to the convert literature of our time.

"The Moody Bible Story Book." 639 pp. Moody. $3.95.

This attractive manual of Bible stories covering Genesis to Revelation is reissued with thirty-two full-page color illustrations. It already had many tinted illustrations in the text. For those who are not familiar with it, the text is a translation of a Dutch Bible story book by G. Ingwersen. Illustrations are by JoAnne Brubaker. The cover is brilliantly illustrated also by Robert G. of Bible stories this can hardly be beat. Doares. On the ratio of pages per dollar, this is one of the biggest bargains in religious books today. For a family volume

"The Holy Bible, Authorized King James Version." Edited by John Stirling. Drawings by Horace Knowles. xv, 748, 255 pp. Collins Clear-Type Press. $3.00.

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BOOKS RECEIVED

"Upon This Rock." Eric W. Gosden. 158 pp. Marshall, Morgan & Scott. 8s. 6d. net. A true story of Sumi San, a Japanese nurse who cast off Buddhism for the Christian Faith. An indigenous church in a community where Christ was hitherto unknown was one outstanding result of Sumi San's conversion and dedicated life.

"Christian Marriage." Rolf L. Veenstra. 180 pp. Guardian Pub. Co., Hamilton, Ont. $2.90. This is the first title to appear in these columns, we believe, from this publisher. The author is a minister of the Christian Reformed Church. He brings sane and biblical approach to the problems of marriage and divorce, as well as the unmarried state.

"1,000 New Illustrations." Compiled and edited by Al Bryant. 254 pp. Zondervan. $3.95. Another volume of anecdotes and stories arranged by subject alphabetically and supported by an 18-column index. Authorship or source is given for most selections.

"Young Only Once: Secrets of Fun and Success." Clyde M. Narramore. 185 pp. Zondervan. $2.95; paper, $2.00. Here is a full-length manual for young people that is exciting enough to be read and sane enough to satisfy Christian parents who have their children's best interests at heart. Twelve chapters cover all the excitement from the first notice of the other sex to marriage and God's will for life service.

"Zechariah; A Study of the Prophetic Visions of Zechariah." G. Coleman Luck. 125 pp. Moody. 35c. No. 325 of the Moody Colportage Library. Direct quotation takes up considerable space in this brief exposition.

"Suddenly the Sun; A Biography of Shizuko Takahashi." Eleanor Hull. ix, 130 pp. Friendship Press. $2.75. This attractive book tells the story of a Japanese Christian girl whose experience included marrying an American Japanese husband and setting up a Christian home in a difficult environment. Internment in a World War II relocation camp is included. The story is true.

"The Director of Christian Education in the Local Church." Vernon R. Kraft. 128 pp. Moody Press. $1.50. This is based on a manual prepared by the author as a thesis requirement in Religious Education at Western Evangelical Seminary, Portland, Ore. All phases are discussed and there is a bibliography and index.

"Duplicating and Publicity Manual for Christian Workers." William M. Lessel. 94 pp. Moody Press. $2.00 A manual 8½ x 11" in size and profusely illustrated. Nothing quite like it for the church secretary and director of church publicity.

"The Key to the Bible: The Parables of Matthew 13." E. W. Palmer. 64 pp. Moody Press. 75c. These parables from "a sevenfold picture of the rule, or government, of Heaven in the present-day world, largely through Christendom" (p. 6). The author interprets the leaven as evil.

"In His Steps." Charles M. Sheldon. 255 pp. Moody Press. 79c. Paper reprint of this famous classic.

"Christian Science." Walter R. Martin, 32 pp. Zondervan. 35c. Brief sketch of the basic divergences of this movement from biblical truth.

"When We Share." Compiled by Frances Maeda. 63 pp. Friendship Press. 65c. Brief descriptions of ecumenical youth work in twelve countries, with devotional suggestions.

"Dynamic Paget Wilkes of Japan." I. R. Govan Stewart. 96 pp. Marshall, Morgan & Scott. 6s. A thrilling account of a missionary from Britain to Japan.

"Some Golden Daybreak; Sermons on the Second Coming of Christ." 116 pp. Sword of the Lord Publishers. $2.00. Third, and first cloth, edition. Seventeen messages.

"Did Man Just Happen?" W. A. Criswell. 121 pages. Zondervan. $2.00. Eight vigorous messages against evolution based on the first chapter of Genesis.

"Called to be Servants." Larry Love. 119 pp. Zondervan. $2.00. Twelve sermons by the pastor of Bethany Presbyterian Church, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

"Existentialism and Theology; an Investigation of the Contribution of Rudolf Bultmann to Theological Thought." George W. Davis. viii, 88 pp. Philosophical Library. $2.75. The chief purpose of the Marburg scholar was to rescue the gospel for the modern, scientific man from the "return to a naive acceptance of the kerygma . . . an uncritical resuscitation of the New Testament mythology" (p. 3). Dr. Davis feels that to an extent at least Bultmann has succeeded in making Christ relevant to the scientific age in which we live (p. 82). Even he, however, is not fully satisfied with the demythologizer's methods.

"Through the Pentateuch Chapter by Chapter." W. H. Griffith Thomas. 191 pp. Eerdmans. $3.00. These outline synopses appeared weekly in **The Christian** of London, and are now available in book form. It was his intention to go through the Bible in this manner, but he did not live to finish Joshua. His penetrating insights clearly set down will be an aid to many.

"Is There a Conflict Between Genesis I and Natural Science?" N. H. Ridderbos. 88 pp. $1.50. The author mentions the chief theories of Genesis 1 and 2 with respect to their scientific implications and settles upon the "frame-work-hypotheses" as the most feasible, although not without problems. The literary framework of the creation narrative is seen as an artificial presentation by the author of Genesis. Just what took place and why this framework are not too clear.

"Out of the Earth; the Witness of Archaeology to the New Testament." E. M. Blaiklock. 80 pp. Eerdmans. $1.50. A summary of the material that corroborates New Testament events, some of which is of course conjectural but of considerable interest. Subject and Scripture indexes increase the value of this brief monograph.

"This Is America's Hour." Louis H. Evans. 128 pp. Revell. $2.00. Five sermons originally delivered from the pulpit of The National Presbyterian Church in Washington, D. C., and later printed in **The Congressional Record.** The last sermon is entitled, "Lincoln: Infidel or Christian?" It contains some significant material on the great president's faith, quoting him on some of the basic Christian doctrines.

"God's Best Secrets; Daily Devotional Meditations." Andrew Murray. Unpaged. Zondervan. $2.50. Full-page daily selections of the South-African pastor reprinted from an earlier edition. There is rich soul nourishment here.

"Manual on Soul-Winning, a Condensation of Ten Lessons from the Author's Book, The Art of Soul Winning." M. W. Downey. 23 pp. Baker Book House. 40c.

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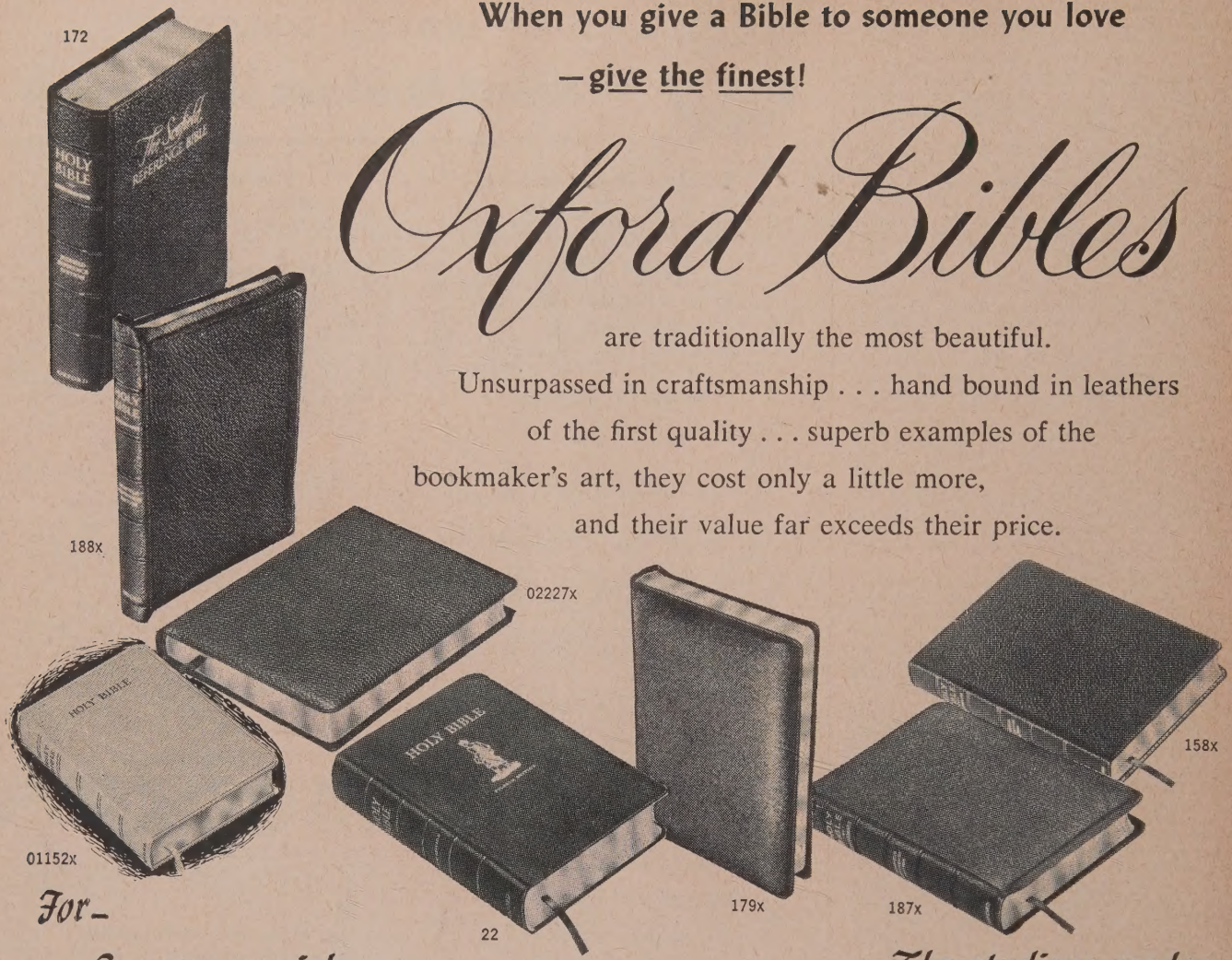

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